

two- year rule only prohibits former employees from lobbying their former employers for a period of two years. Section 2-11.1(q)(1) provides that no person who has served as an elected county official, i.e. mayor, county commissioner, or a member of the staff of an elected county official, or as county manager, senior assistant to the county manager, department director, departmental personnel or employee shall for a period of two years after his or her county service or employment has ceased, lobby any county officer, departmental personnel or employee in connection with any judicial or other proceeding, application, RFP, RFQ, bid, request for ruling or other determination, contract, claim, controversy, charge, accusation, arrest or other particular subject matter in which Miami-Dade County or (1) one of its agencies or instrumentalities is a party or has any interest whatever, whether direct or indirect. Therefore, you may work on projects involving the City of Coral Gables as long as you do not participate in lobbying activity.

This opinion construes the Miami-Dade Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance only and is not applicable to any conflict under state law. Please contact the State of Florida Commission on Ethics if you have any questions regarding possible conflicts under state law.

If you have any questions regarding the opinion, please call the undersigned at (305) 579-2954 or Ardyth Walker, Staff General Counsel at (305) 579-2653.

Sincerely Yours,



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RE: REQUEST FOR ADVISORY OPINION 00-08

Dear Ms. Romano:

The Commission on Ethics and Public Trust considered your request for an advisory opinion at its meeting on February 7, 2000 and rendered its opinion based on the facts stated in your letter.

You requested an opinion regarding the effect of the two-year rule on your ability to work for an engineering firm that does engineering work for the City of Coral Gables.

In your letter, you advised the Commission that you formerly worked for the City of Coral Gables Department of Building and Zoning and Public Works Department in various capacities including as Project Engineer and Project Manager/Consultant Liaison. Following a maternity leave in January of 1999, you joined the City of Homestead as an Assistant Public Works Director /City Engineer. You currently work for a firm that provides professional engineering and environmental services to public and private entities including the City of Coral Gables.

The Commission found that The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance does not preclude you from working on engineering projects for the City of Coral Gables. The