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### Conference Focuses on Ethics in Public Office

Some of Florida's most respected legal and political leaders will share their insights on challenges to the values and principles of those holding and seeking public office at a daylong conference sponsored by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust, St. Thomas University and the Daily Business Review. "When Politics and Ethics Collide: A Symposium on the Interplay of Ethical Standards in the Public Arena" will take place from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2011 at the St. Thomas School of Law, 16401 NW 37 Ave., in Miami Gardens.

The keynote speaker will be **Bob Butterworth**, who has distinguished himself as former Florida Attorney General and department director, St. Thomas Law School Dean, Broward County Sheriff and judge. Featured panelists include Retired Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice **Gerald Kogan**, Broward County Mayor **Sue Gunzburger**, Assistant Miami-Dade State Attorney **Joe Centorino**, Former Miami-Dade County Manager and School Superintendent **Merrett Stierheim**, Former County Commissioner and President of the University of Miami Good Government Initiative **Katy Sorenson**, Florida Atlantic University Public Ethics Academy Director **Norm Ostrau**, Former Miami Mayor and Miami-Dade County Commissioner **Maurice Ferre**, among others.

Topics for discussion will focus on the climate of corruption, campaigning and elections, the appearance of impropriety, and lobbying and conflicts of interest.

The registration fee includes morning refreshments, lunch and all materials. The cost is \$40 if paid by April 13 and \$50 at the door. CLE credits will be available. For more information and registration, log on to [www.stu.edu/ethics](http://www.stu.edu/ethics) or call Cathy Hayes at 305-623-2324.

*The Ethics Commission was created in 1996 as an independent agency with advisory and quasi-judicial powers. It is composed of five members, serving staggered terms of four years each. Through a program of education and outreach, the Commission seeks to empower the community and bolster public trust.*

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