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Clean campaigning in a big election year

While the race for the White House is getting a lot of attention, more than a dozen local governments will also hold elections during 2012. Citizens considering running for office can learn how to do it properly by attending the next Campaign Skills Seminar sponsored by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust.

The two-hour seminar takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, in the Miami Gardens City Council Chambers. Speakers -- including representatives from the Ethics Commission and the Elections Department -- will provide essential information on fundraising and record keeping to candidates, campaign treasurers, volunteers and anyone else who wants to understand the legal and ethical obligations of seeking public office.

The event is free and open to the public. Attorneys can earn Continuing Legal Education credits from the Florida Bar.

**Campaign Skills Seminar
Wednesday, April 18, 2012 6:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers
1515 NW 167 St.
Building 5, Suite 200
Miami Gardens, FL 33169**

For more information or to reserve a seat, call Robert Thompson at 305-350-0630 or e-mail robthom@miamidade.gov.

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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