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Make a New Year's resolution to run a clean campaign

Citizens considering running for elected office can resolve to do it properly by attending the first Campaign Skills Seminar of 2015, sponsored by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust. Votes are scheduled in more than a dozen cities throughout the county in the coming year.

The two-hour seminar takes place from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 9, 2015, in the Coral Gables City Commission 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 Friday, January 09, 2015 3:00 p.m. Coral Gables City Commission Chambers 405 Biltmore Way Coral Gables, Fl. 33134

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.