

**In re: GREATER MIAMI & THE BEACHES HOTEL  
ASSOCIATION (GMBHA) and CITY OF MIAMI BEACH**

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**C 09-01**

**PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL DISMISSAL ORDER**

Private citizen Randall Hilliard filed the above-referenced COMPLAINT citing numerous allegations against certain RESPONDENTS, including the GREATER MIAMI & THE BEACHES HOTEL ASSOCIATION (GMBHA), a nonprofit corporation, and the CITY OF MIAMI BEACH.

Pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County, the jurisdiction of the Commission on Ethics & Public Trust is limited to “any person required to comply with the County or municipal Code of Ethics Ordinances....”<sup>1</sup> These persons include the following:

commissioners, autonomous personnel, quasi-judicial personnel, departmental personnel, employees, advisory personnel, immediate family, lobbyists ...; and any other person required to comply with the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance including, but not limited to, contractors and vendors.<sup>2</sup>

The Ethics Commission does not have jurisdiction over entities such as nonprofit organizations and cities.

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<sup>1</sup> Miami-Dade County Code at § 2-1068.

<sup>2</sup> Miami-Dade County Code at § 2-11.1 (y).

Therefore it is:

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT** the COMPLAINT against the GREATER MIAMI & THE BEACHES HOTEL ASSOCIATION (GMBHA) and the CITY OF MIAMI BEACH is hereby DISMISSED for lack of jurisdiction.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on January 29, 2009.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON  
ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By:

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Chairman