



**MIAMI-DADE  
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST**

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**In re: Melton v. Bierman**  
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**C 13-18**

**PUBLIC REPORT  
AND  
FINAL DISMISSAL ORDER**

Eston "Dusty" Melton, a private citizen, filed the above-referenced complaint against respondent Mitchell Bierman, a private attorney in Miami-Dade County.

The complaint alleged that respondent violated the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (s)(2) when he failed to register as a lobbyist prior to protesting a bidder's proposal to operate and maintain the automated people mover at Miami International Airport. Respondent acknowledged that he wrote a letter to County procurement personnel seeking to have a bidder deemed nonresponsive. The letter was dated and received on July 25, 2013, but because respondent was out of the jurisdiction at the time, he did not register as a lobbyist until July 29, 2013.

Pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County at Secs. 2-1068 and 2-11.1 (y), the Ethics Commission is empowered to enforce the County Ethics Code against lobbyists and to accept and enforce settlement agreements entered into by the advocate and respondents.

As per Sec. 2-1074 (s) of the County Code, the Ethics Commission meeting in public session on September 12, 2013, dismissed the complaint against Mitchell

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Bierman, finding the violation *de minimis* and determining that the public interest would not be served by proceeding further.

Therefore it is:

**ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that COMPLAINT C 13-18 against respondent Mitchell Bierman is hereby dismissed.

**DONE AND ORDERED** by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on September 12, 2013.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS  
& PUBLIC TRUST

By:

  
Charlton Copeland  
Chair

Signed on this date: 10/10/2013