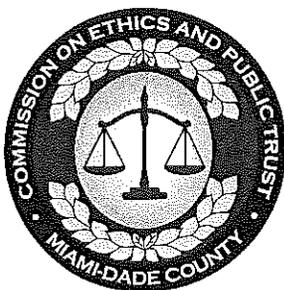


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MIAMI-DADE
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In re:

C 16-02

Thomas Pepe v Nancy Stroud

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

Complainant Thomas Pepe (Pepe) is the City Attorney for the City of South Miami. He filed this complaint against attorney Nancy Stroud (Stroud) for engaging in unregistered lobbying in violation of Section 2-11.1(s) (1) (b) of the Miami-Dade County Code Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance.

Stroud represents a group of citizens in the City who filed a complaint for a Writ of Mandamus in Circuit Court in September 2015. She wrote a letter on December 15, 2015 to the City Clerk for distribution to the City's Mayor and Commissioners and sent the same letter again on January 5, 2016 directly to the City's elected and appointed officers, seeking the defeat of a proposed amendment to an ordinance regarding land use development.

Stroud met the definition of a "lobbyist" when she contacted the City Commission on behalf of her clients to attempt to encourage the passage, defeat, or modifications of an ordinance, resolution, action, or decision of the City Commission.

Investigation determined that the violation appears to have been inadvertent, unintentional and insubstantial. Moreover, Stroud immediately registered as a lobbyist once the matter was brought to her attention.

On March 9, 2016 the Ethics Commission found that the public interest would not be served by proceeding any further and the complaint should be dismissed. The Respondent should be provided with a copy of Miriam Ramos's article: "I'm a lawyer, not a lobbyist. -You might be both." in lieu of a Letter of Instruction.

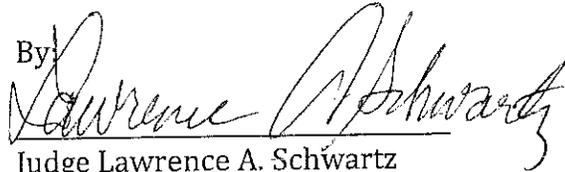
Wherefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that COMPLAINT C 16-02 against respondent Nancy Stroud is dismissed.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on this 9th day of March, 2016.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS
& PUBLIC TRUST

By



Judge Lawrence A. Schwartz

Chair

Signed on: 3-29-16