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MIAMI-DADE
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In re:

C 16-21

Jeffrey Leary v. Joseph Centorino

PUBLIC REPORT AND FINAL ORDER

The Complainant, Jeffrey P. Leary (Leary), filed this complaint against the Executive Director and General Counsel of the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust's (COE), Joseph M. Centorino (Centorino).

In section I of his complaint, Leary alleged, among other things, that Centorino violated Section (A)(2), Truth in Government Provision, and Section (A)(5), Right to be Heard Provision, of the Miami-Dade County Citizens Bill of Rights by making false statements in his correspondence and emails to Leary. Leary also alleged that Centorino knowingly provided a factually incorrect record of the investigation regarding Leary's client (Palmetto Bay Vice-Mayor John DuBois') potential voting conflict of interest and knowingly omitted significant facts of the ongoing investigation to the Village Attorney, Dexter Lehtinen (Lehtinen), "by not referencing any of the previous documents, correspondence, or conversations between Leary and Advocate Murawski on the same issue." Leary additionally alleged that Centorino deprived "DuBois his right to appear before and provide material facts to the Commission surrounding the issue of whether DuBois' [sic] had a voting conflict of interest in the instant case."

In section II of his complaint, Leary alleged that Centorino denied DuBois "even minimal procedural due process" in an investigation led by Advocate Murawski.

On December 16, 2016 the Ethics Commission adopted the recommendation of Special Advocate Laudelina Fernandez McDonald and found No Probable Cause to support the allegations in section I of the complaint and found the allegations in section II of the complaint to be not legally sufficient because an alleged violation of the Ethics Commission's Rules of Procedure are not actionable as an ethics violation.

Wherefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that COMPLAINT C 16-21 against respondent Joseph Centorino is dismissed.

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Final Order

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on this 16th day of December, 2016.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON
ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

By:



Judge Lawrence Schwartz

Chair

Signed on : 12-21-2016