

Meyers, Robert (COE)

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2011 12:05 PM
To: Fernandez, Antonio E. (OGC)
Subject: RE: Opinion/Ruling

Dear Mr. Fernandez:

As I understand it, you are a Contracts Officer with Miami-Dade County's Office of Grants Coordination/Ryan White Title I Program and you wish to pursue outside employment as a bookkeeper for a small company. You ask whether your outside employment would pose a conflict of interest because the company has contracts with several county departments.

No conflict of interest is created if you work as bookkeeper with a company that has contracts with Miami-Dade County. The only caveat is that you must not be involved as a representative of the company if the company were to have a dispute with Miami-Dade County. In effect, this means you could not attend any meetings or have any discussions with county employees in your capacity as company bookkeeper.

If you have any further questions, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Fernandez, Antonio E. (OGC)
Sent: Thursday, August 25, 2011 4:14 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: FW: Opinion/Ruling

Good Afternoon Mr. Meyers,

I haven't heard from you so I just wanted to make sure you received the email I sent you yesterday (please see below). Thank you for your time and opinion on this matter.

Sincerely,

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From: Fernandez, Antonio E. (OGC)

8/26/2011

Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2011 3:30 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: Opinion/Ruling

Dear Mr. Meyers,

My name is Antonio E. Fernandez and I work as a Contracts Officer with Miami-Dade County's Office of Grants Coordination/Ryan White Title I Program - a federal grant/program. I would like to obtain a ruling/opinion from the Commission on Ethics and Public Trust regarding the possibility of outside employment as an independent contractor overseeing the bookkeeping for a small company. During the course of my conversation with the owner of the company it was brought to my attention that the company currently has contracts with several county departments. To my knowledge, the company does not have any contracts with the Office of Grants Coordination. My conversation with the owner of the company was brief and general in nature - no offer was made. Please note that in February and June of 2011, I submitted a request for outside employment form with my office and in both instances my request was approved by my department Director.

Please note that this request is time sensitive so I would appreciate a quick response/opinion from your office. I thank you in advance for taking the time to review and render an opinion on this matter. Please let me know if you need to speak with me or require any additional information. My contact information can be found below.

Sincerely,

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