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From:	Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Sent:	Monday, April 08, 2013 1:07 PM
То:	'RdelaCamara@becker-poliakoff.com'
Cc:	Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject:	(INQ 13-85) Task Force Appointment

Ms. De La Camara,

Based on the facts you presented, you appear to have no ethics conflicts to serve on the Miami-Dade County Annexation and Incorporation Review Task Force. The Task Force was established to review pending annexation and incorporation proposals and to make recommendations on how the County should address the remainder of the unincorporated communities. You are a partner with Becker & Poliakoff, with a background in real estate.

Under Sec. 2-11.1 (v) of the County Code, an advisory board member may not vote on matters if she will be directly affect by the vote *and* if she has a specified relationship with the person appearing before her. Under Sec. 2-11.1 (m)(2) of the County Code, an advisory board member may not appear before the board on which she serves. In your case, the Task Force is not authorized to hear matters related to a citizen's or entity's issues involving annexation. Consequently, clients represented by Becker & Poliakoff on annexation matters will not appear before the Task Force.

The fact that Becker & Poliakoff attorneys may appear before the Board of County Commissioners on matters related to annexation does not affect your service on the Task Force.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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From: Ethics (COE)
Sent: Thursday, April 04, 2013 5:01 PM
To: 'delacamara, Rosa'
Cc: Frigo, Victoria (COE)
Subject: RE: Seeking Opinion on Task Force Appointment

Ms. Delacamara: Thanks for your inquiry. Our Senior Staff Attorney, Victoria Frigo, will be in touch with you next week on this. Joe Centorino Executive Director

From: delacamara, Rosa [mailto:RdelaCamara@becker-poliakoff.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 04, 2013 4:59 PM
To: Ethics (COE); Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject: Seeking Opinion on Task Force Appointment

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Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust Attn: Joe Centorino, Director 19 West Flagler, Suite 820 Miami, Florida 33130

Dear Mr. Centorino: The county attorney's office referred me to you.

I have been appointed to a MD County lay task force on annexation (Annexation and Incorporation Review Task Force). My law firm might represent clients before the County Commission involved in annexation. The task force will focus on process; I understand what is being sought is our expertise and insight for the commissioners' benefit. Thus, I do not think it is a problem, but wanted to seek your input on whether this presents a conflict. I hope not, as I am looking forward to serving.

The next task force meeting is Wednesday, March 10th. Please advise at your earliest convenience.

Thank you, ROSA M. DE LA CAMARA

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