
From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 3:32 PM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Haydee Sera, Assistant Town Attorney, Town of Miami Lakes (voting conflict) INQ 14-200

INQ 14-200

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2014 2:39 PM
To: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Subject: INQ - Haydee Sera, Assistant Town Attorney, Town of Miami Lakes

Attorney Haydee Sera, Assistant Town Attorney, Town of Miami Lakes, inquired regarding the existence of a voting conflict for Mayor Wayne Slaton regarding an item he was placing on the Town Council agenda concerning the Town's legal position on a law suit filed by the previous Mayor, Michael Pizzi. Mr. Pizzi was suspended from office by the Governor due to a Federal Bribery case in which he was recently acquitted. He has filed suit to regain his position. I advised Ms. Sera that, insofar as Mayor Slaton could stand to profit or be enhanced, directly or indirectly, by whatever action is taken by the Council, Mayor Slaton would have a voting conflict of interest pursuant to Section 2-11.1(d) of the County Ethics Code regarding this matter and should absent himself from the discussion and make the required disclosures. Although the Mayor may be the appropriate person to place the matter on the Council Agenda for discussion, he should not, in any way, be involved in the Council's discussion of the issue and should not promote his own views to the Council in connection with same.

Joseph M. Centorino

Executive Director and General Counsel
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust
19 W. Flagler Street, Suite 820
Miami, FL 33130
Tel: (305) 579-2594
Fax: (305) 579-0273
ethics.miamidade.gov

