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Subject: INQ - Gerald Sanchez, Assistant County Attorney (Lobbying)

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez inquired regarding whether a paid representative of consumers of water and sewer services from the County is considered a lobbyist under the Miami-Dade Ethics Code. The representative in question is paid to represent clients in connection with billing disputes over bills generated by the County's Water and Sewer Department to users of its services. The decisions regarding these disputes may be ultimately referred to an administrative board at the county. The individual in question does not interact with county personnel as a principal or user of water and sewer services, but a representative of others. We agreed that such paid representation to influence actions or decisions of county personnel, that will foreseeably be heard by a County board, does constitute lobbying under Section 2-11.1(s)(1)(b) of the Code. Consequently, the individual in question must register as a lobbyist with the County and must take the required lobbyist ethics course.

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