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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
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Subject: INQ - Alexander Palenzuela, Esq., municipal attorney (Recommending Professional Services)

I received an inquiry from Attorney Alexander Palenzuela, a local attorney who specializes in municipal law and serves as outside counsel for several municipalities. He inquired whether he would be prohibited from recommending the appointment of a particular attorney to one of the municipalities he represents on a part-time basis. I informed him that as a part-time municipal attorney he would be covered by the Miami-Dade Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. Section 2-11.1(p) of the ordinance has restrictions on the recommending of attorneys or other professionals by anyone subject to the ordinance. I informed Mr. Palenzuela that pursuant to Section 2-11.1(p), he could not recommend the services of any particular lawyer to be involved in a municipal matter where he was employed part-time, unless the recommendation was required to be made by him by the duties of his position and was made at a public meeting attended by other city officials, officers or employees.

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