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### **Pulitzer Prize-winning Congressional Investigator joins Ethics Commission**

A Pulitzer Prize winning investigative reporter for the Miami Herald and Washington Post, who spent nine years conducting oversight inquiries for committees in the U.S. House and Senate, is now an investigator for the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust (COE). Jim McGee joined the agency on Monday, July 2, 2018, and will be part of the group charged with enforcing Miami-Dade County's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance.

As a journalist, McGee served as a member of the team awarded the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting for coverage of the Iran-Contra Affair and also reported on prosecutorial misconduct in federal courts, and allegations of wrongdoing by members of Congress. While on The Miami Herald staff, McGee co-authored investigative articles that resulted in the indictment of former Dade County School Superintendent Johnny Jones and played a role in the Herald's reporting on the activities of one-time presidential candidate Gary Hart, along with reports on anti-Castro terrorism and drug smuggling in the Bahamas. He co-authored *Main Justice: The Men and Women Who Enforce the Nation's Laws and Guard its Liberties*, published in 1995, that described the inner workings of the U.S. Justice Department's Criminal Division.

McGee served on the staff of the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee for eight years after working on the House Select Committee on Homeland Security. Among his assignments was the Senate investigation of the federal government's flawed response to Hurricane Katrina and oversight investigations of multi-billion dollar procurement programs at the Department of Homeland Security.

The University of Florida alumnae was a John S. Knight Journalism Fellow at Stanford University and earned a certificate in Forensic Accounting from Georgetown University. McGee is also a licensed private investigator in Florida and Virginia, where he has recently served as president of a private investigative agency.

"We are proud to welcome to our team an investigator with such a distinguished background and experience," said COE Executive Director Joseph Centorino. "I have no doubt Jim will be a valuable asset to this organization and to the citizens of Miami-Dade County," he added.

*The Ethics Commission was created in 1996 as an independent agency with advisory and quasi-judicial powers. It is composed of five members, serving staggered terms of four years each. Through a program of education, outreach and enforcement, the Commission seeks to empower the community and bolster public trust.*

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