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Louis Freeh to address innovative public corruption conference

Former FBI director Louis Freeh, author of the recent investigative report into child abuse allegations at Penn State, will be the keynote speaker at a unique conference on public corruption for investigators, auditors, compliance officers and prosecutors interested in honing their investigative skills. "Fighting Corruption, Fraud and Unethical Conduct in Government: An Investigator's Manual" will be presented jointly by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public and the Miami Police Department on May 9-10, 2013, at the Miami Police Training Center, 350 NW 2 Avenue, Miami, 33128.

The two-day conference will feature more than a dozen presentations and panel discussions with more than 40 speakers on topics important to professionals fighting fraud and unethical conduct in criminal justice, government and financial organizations. They include overcoming obstacles to proving government theft, how to track money laundering, investigations in the media spotlight, technological tools, political pitfalls, interviewing techniques and more.

Freeh, the director of the FBI during the Clinton administration, will address the conference Friday afternoon, May 10, at 1:15 p.m. on "Investigations in the Global Digital World." The First Assistant U.S. Attorney in Puerto Rico, Maria Dominguez, will be the guest speaker on Thursday, May 9, at 12:45 p.m. The University of Miami Law School graduate will address, "Public Corruption – Effective Prosecution of the White Collar Criminal."

"There are very few educational opportunities for law enforcement officers, prosecutors and compliance professionals to learn the intricacies inherent in fraud and corruption investigations and prosecutions, which are very different from most other criminal cases," said Joseph Centorino, Executive Director of the Ethics Commission. "This conference is designed to expand their horizons. It's being held at a state-of-the-art facility in downtown Miami at an affordable rate to enable as many as possible to attend," he added.

"During the course of my career, I have had the opportunity to take part in public employee investigations and high-level cases. I have noticed there is a lack of training for these specialized investigations," said Major Ian Moffett, who oversees the Miami Police Training Center, which is also home to the Miami Police College. "We look forward to providing local, state, and national resources for this important program."

Registration for the conference costs \$150 prior to April first and \$199 after that date. To learn more and to download a complete program and registration form, visit ethics.miamidade.gov or call 305-579-2594.

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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