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Volunteers & Co-sponsors lining up for Ethical Governance Day

More than 250 community leaders and ten organizations have already signed on to take part in Ethical Governance Day 2013 -- an annual effort by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust to raise awareness of the necessity of community involvement to insure clean government. On Ethical Governance Day, October 22, community leaders will volunteer as guest classroom speakers to share their experiences and encourage high school seniors – who are or will soon be of voting age – to become more knowledgeable about their local, state and federal governments and the issues they face. Many of the volunteers registered so far are attorneys, judges and public office holders.

Much of the volunteer support has come through co-sponsoring agencies and organizations that have pledged to sign up their members and promote the event. In addition to Miami-Dade County Public Schools, which is lining up 12th grade government and economic classes, co-sponsors include The Dade County Bar Association, the Miami-Dade Public Defenders Office, The League of Women Voters of Miami-Dade, the Good Government Initiative, the Cuban American Bar Association, the Miami-Dade League of Cities, Lawyers to the Rescue and the Florida Association of Women Lawyers. Last month, Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist Jim Morin of the Miami Herald, volunteered his time and talents to design an illustration for the day.

“To sustain a healthy civic life, there must be an ongoing multi-generational conversation about participation and ethics in government,” said Ethics Commission Executive Director Joseph Centorino. “This is an opportunity for the community to energize this conversation. We encourage as many community leaders and organizations as possible to take part,” he added.

To learn more about Ethical Governance Day, 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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