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**From:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2015 11:59 AM  
**To:** Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)  
**Subject:** Chad Friedman, Attorney, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman (Lobbyist Training) INQ 15-210

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2015 3:48 PM  
**To:** 'Chad Friedman'  
**Cc:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE); Perez, Martha D. (COE); Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)  
**Subject:** RE: INQ 15-210 Chad Friedman, Attorney, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman (Lobbyist Training)

Mr. Friedman:

In regard to this inquiry, it now appears that your lobbyist registration lapsed less than one year ago, and not more than two years ago, as we initially believed. Under these circumstances, you would be eligible to take the two-hour refresher course.

Joe Centorino

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**From:** Chad Friedman [<mailto:cfriedman@wsh-law.com>]  
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**Subject:** RE: INQ 15-210 Chad Friedman, Attorney, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman (Lobbyist Training)

12/31/2014. My understanding is that lobbyist registration is based on the calendar year.

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE) [<mailto:CENTORI@miamidade.gov>]  
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**To:** Chad Friedman  
**Subject:** RE: INQ 15-210 Chad Friedman, Attorney, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman (Lobbyist Training)

Chad,  
Please give me the date on which your last lobbyist registration lapsed.

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**From:** Centorino, Joseph (COE)  
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**Subject:** INQ 15-210 Chad Friedman, Attorney, Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman (Lobbyist Training)

Mr. Friedman:

You have inquired regarding whether you may, following a two-year lapse of your lobbyist registration and training certification, re-register as a lobbyist and begin to lobby, provided that you take the lobbyist refresher course within 60 days. In the past, we have interpreted the lobbyist training ordinance of the Miami-Dade Ethics Code, Section 2-

11.1(s)(2)(d), to permit lobbyists whose registration has lapsed for a period of less than two years and who took the original ethics course following their initial registration, to take the refresher course within 60 days of re-registering (See INQ 14-85). However, if more than two years has lapsed since you were registered and since you took the course, then you would need to re-take the initial four-hour lobbyist course within 60 days of re-registering. Upon re-registering, you would be permitted to commence lobbying, and then take the four-hour course within 60 days following the re-registration.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Centorino  
Executive Director and General Counsel  
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

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**From:** Chad Friedman [<mailto:cfriedman@wsh-law.com>]  
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**Subject:** FW: Refresher Lobbyist Training prior to September 21, 2015

Hi Joe, I hope all is well. I need to register as a lobbyist for a matter in the County. My 2 year lobbyist certification ran out this week. I know I have to take a refresher course. The County Code provides that "Each lobbyist who has completed a refresher Ethics Course shall submit to the Clerk of the Board a certificate of completion within sixty (60) days after registering as a lobbyist." I would think that I could register to lobby and have 60 days to take the refresher course. During this 60 day period I would also think I could lobby similar to if I registered to lobby for the first time. Do you read the Code differently?

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**From:** Thompson, Robert A. (COE) [<mailto:ROBTHOM@miamidade.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2015 12:19 PM  
**To:** Chad Friedman  
**Cc:** Mayra Archer  
**Subject:** RE: Refresher Lobbyist Training prior to September 21, 2015

Greetings,

Correction: Per Mr. Centorino you need to take the Lobbyist Refresher Course prior to lobbying the county. Please contact him directly if you have any additional questions.  
Robert Thompson

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**From:** Thompson, Robert A. (COE)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2015 11:40 AM  
**To:** 'Chad Friedman'  
**Cc:** Mayra Archer  
**Subject:** RE: Refresher Lobbyist Training prior to September 21, 2015

Greetings,

The next lobbyist refresher course is scheduled for September 25, 2015 and October 30, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. I'd recommend that you take the September 25, 2015 refresher course if possible. This will bring you into compliance with the county and definitely with the City of Miami. Please note that your certificate expires on September 11, 2015. Hope this helps.

Robert Thompson

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**From:** Chad Friedman [<mailto:cfriedman@wsh-law.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2015 11:08 AM  
**To:** Thompson, Robert A. (COE)  
**Cc:** Mayra Archer  
**Subject:** RE: Refresher Lobbyist Training prior to September 21, 2015

Hello Robert,

I hope all is well. I have an issue in the County and not the City. Mayra did mention to me that I would need to take a refresher course. How soon do I need to take the course after I register?

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**From:** Thompson, Robert A. (COE) [<mailto:ROBTHOM@miamidade.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 09, 2015 10:46 AM  
**To:** Chad Friedman  
**Subject:** Refresher Lobbyist Training prior to September 21, 2015

Greetings Mr. Friedman,

Ms. Archer is out on vacation and I am following up on a requirement for you to complete lobbyist refresher training prior to September 21, 2015 for an issue in the City of Miami. Thanks and I hope your issue has been resolved.

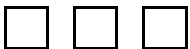
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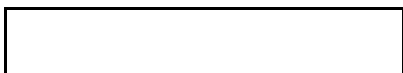
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