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Subject: INQ 15-218 Samantha Padgett, General Counsel, Florida Retail Association (Lobbying)

Samantha Padgett, General Counsel for the Florida Retail Association, a not-for-profit trade association, inquired whether she would be required to register as a lobbyist and take the lobbyist course under Section 2-11.(s) of the County Ethics Code, if she were to write letters on behalf of her employer to County Commissioners regarding two issues pending before the Commission. She added that she is a registered lobbyist with the State and that her position with the Association includes lobbying. She was advised that she would need to register as a lobbyist in Miami-Dade County, although she would be exempt from paying the registration fee under Section 2-11.1(s)(4) since she would be lobbying on behalf of a not-for-profit trade association and would not be receiving any special compensation or reimbursement for her appearance. However, she would need to complete the lobbyist ethics course and pay the necessary fee for the course since that requirement is not exempted under the ordinance.

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