From:	Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent:	Monday, April 06, 2015 9:27 AM
To:	Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject:	Vanessa Palacio, Special Projects Administrator, Miami-Dade County Public Works and Waste Management Department (Section 2-11.1(m)(1)) INQ 15-56

INQ 15-56 Palacio

From: palacioesq@gmail.com [mailto:palacioesq@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Vanessa Palacio
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 2:00 PM
To: Ethics (COE)
Cc: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE); Sanchez, Gerald (CAO)
Subject: Re: INQ - Vanessa Palacio, Special Projects Administrator, Miami-Dade County Public Works and Waste Management Department (Section 2-11.1(m)(1))

Good afternoon Mr. Centorino:

I will refrain from representing my client on this matter and have informed him accordingly.

Thank you, as always, for your time, help, and quick response.

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On Fri, Apr 3, 2015 at 12:40 PM, Ethics (COE) <ethics@miamidade.gov> wrote:

Ms. Palacio:

You have inquired regarding whether, given your current position as Special Projects Administrator for the Miami-Dade County Public Works and Waste Management Department you may represent a private law client as a private attorney before the Miami-Dade County Commission on Human Rights.

Please be advised that under Section 2-11.1(m)(1), no County employee "shall appear before any County board or agency and make a presentation on behalf of a third person with respect to any license, contract, certificate, ruling, decision, opinion, rate schedule, franchise, or benefit sought by the third person. Nor shall such person receive compensation, directly or indirectly or in any form, for services rendered to a third person, who has applied for or is seeking some benefit from the County or a County agency, in connection with the particular benefit sought by the third

person. Nor shall such person appear in any court or before any administrative tribunal as counsel or legal advisor to a party who seeks legal relief from the County or a County agency through the suit in question."

Since you are a County employee and the Miami-Dade Commission on Human Rights is a County board, you may not represent a client on a matter pending before that board.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Centorino

Executive Director and General Counsel

Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: palacioesq@gmail.com [mailto:palacioesq@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Vanessa Palacio
Sent: Friday, April 03, 2015 12:16 PM
To: Ethics (COE)
Subject: Request for Opinion regarding legal representation before the Miami-Dade County Commission on Human Rights

Good afternoon,

I am writing to request an opinion regarding representing a client as part of my approved outside employment on a matter involving the Miami-Dade County Commission on Human Rights.

I currently work as a Special Projects Administrator for the Miami-Dade County Public Works and Waste Management Department. In this role, I am assisting with rewriting Chapter 15 of the Miami-Dade County Code; working on other proposed departmental legislation; researching various topics affecting departmental operations; and reviewing and helping revise the department's policies and procedures.

I have filed the requisite forms and disclosures and am currently authorized to engage in part-time outside employment as a private attorney. An individual with whom I have an existing attorney-client relationship has contacted me because he is asking me to defend him in response to a charge one of his former employees has filed with the Miami-Dade County Commission on Human Rights.

Does the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance prohibit me from representing this client on this matter?

Thank you for your time and assistance in advance. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Most respectfully,

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