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From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 9:58 AM
To: Sanchez, Rodzandra (COE)
Subject: Eddie Kirtley, Assistant County Attorney, Miami-Dade County (Gifts) INQ 17-25

INQ 17-25 Kirtley

From: Kirtley, Eddie (CAO)
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 12:15 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE) <Joseph.Centorino@miamidade.gov>
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Subject: RE: INQ 17-25 Eddie Kirtley, Assistant County Attorney, Miami-Dade County (Gifts)

Thank you.

- Eddie

From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 11:27 AM
To: Kirtley, Eddie (CAO)
Cc: Sanchez, Gerald (CAO); Turay, Radia (COE); Perez, Martha D. (COE); Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Subject: INQ 17-25 Eddie Kirtley, Assistant County Attorney, Miami-Dade County (Gifts)

Eddie,

You have inquired regarding whether your acceptance of a complimentary admission to the Grand Bench & Bar Conference, sponsored by the Dade County Bar Association, would be a reportable gift pursuant to Subsection 2-11.1(e)(4) of the County Ethics Code. The complimentary admission is valued at \$250 and is being offered by the Dade County Bar to individuals whose membership status with the Bar Association has lapsed, as an incentive to their lapsed memberships. I would view this offer as similar to the one that you previously inquired about in INQ 16-116, involving an offer by the Bar Association to prospective members of the Association of "Bar Bucks" redeemable for use at Bar functions, as an incentive to their joining the Association, with the consideration being their paid memberships. The free admission is being offered to a class of individuals, those with lapsed memberships, as an incentive to their renewing their memberships, and not with the intent to bestow a gift on any individual. I believe that the consideration of membership renewal is adequate consideration for the complimentary admission. Therefore, I would not view this as a reportable gift pursuant to Subsection 2-11.1(k)(4).

Sincerely,

Joe

Joseph M. Centorino

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From: Kirtley, Eddie (CAO)
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 1:21 PM
To: Centorino, Joseph (COE) <Joseph.Centorino@miamidade.gov>
Cc: Sanchez, Gerald (CAO) <Gerald.Sanchez@miamidade.gov>
Subject: FW: DCBA Bar Status

Hi Joe – Would this be a reportable gift?

- Eddie

From: Indra Beltran [<mailto:ibeltran@dadecountybar.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 1:11 PM
To: Kirtley, Eddie (CAO)
Subject: DCBA Bar Status

Dear James E.,

I am writing to update you regarding your lapsed status with the Dade County Bar Association. The DCBA is offering complimentary admission to the upcoming, nearly sold-out Grand Bench & Bar Conference for a limited number of lapsed members who renew their membership. The Grand Bench & Bar Conference in February provides for up to 14 CLE credits in a day-long program, offering nearly 40 course selections, including up to five ethics credits and three credits to fulfill the newly instituted technology requirement. Your membership provides for exclusive benefits, including discounted and priority admission to seminars, receptions, and gala's, as well as funds for charitable operations of the bar. Please let us know if you would like to take advantage of receiving a free ticket (\$250 regular price) to attend the Grand Bench & Bar Conference simply by renewing your lapsed membership today.

To renew your membership, please click the link below. Once submitted, please advise and I will send you a link to choose your classes for the Bench and Bar Conference free of charge.

<https://www.dadecountybar.org/members/renew/>

Best regards,