

Meyers, Robert (COE)

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2006 2:29 PM
To: Rodriguez, Julissa (CSD)
Subject: RE: Ethics Question

Ms. Rodriguez,

The county's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance restrict county employees from recommending professional services only when the recommendation involves the County. Given the fact that your referral has nothing to do with a County transaction, you would be permitted to accept a referral fee from the other attorney.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Rodriguez, Julissa (CSD)
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2006 11:40 AM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
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Good Morning Mr. Meyers, I have a quick question. I am an attorney for the Consumer Services Department. Several weeks ago I received a call from an acquaintance about legal advice on a criminal matter. I told him to invoke and contact me if he needed an attorney. He was ultimately arrested. I gave him several names of attorneys, one of which he ultimately hired. The criminal attorney would like to give me a referral fee as is customary in the legal world. I know that under the Florida Bar Rules there would not be a conflict, but I want to make sure that there is not a local conflict before I accept a check. What would you advise?

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