

Walker, Ardyth (COE)INQ 06-86

From: Walker, Ardyth (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2006 6:22 PM
To: Braynon, Oscar J. (DIST3)
Cc: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: RE: conflict-of-interest opinion

The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance permits an employee to engage in outside employment, subject to approval by the Commissioner, unless the outside employment will affect the employee's independence of judgment in performing their official duties. Although the Ethics Commission has opined that an employee may work for an entity that receives county funding, the employee should not perform any official duties that are connected in any way to the outside employment. Therefore, the employee should not review or evaluate or assist in the review and evaluation of any applications for mom and pop financing, discretionary or office funds from the Commissioner. If you have any further questions, please contact me at (305) 350-0616.

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From: Braynon, Oscar J. (DIST3)
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2006 1:13 PM
To: Walker, Ardyth (COE)
Cc: Meyers, Robert (COE); Edmonson, Audrey M. (DIST3)
Subject: conflict-of-interest opinion

Dear Ms. Walker

I am respectfully requesting an opinion on the status of an employee in our office.

This part-time employee of Commissioner Edmonson's staff is a consultant to a non-profit foundation that is partially-funded through the county's general revenue fund. The part-time employee is not involved in the day-to-day operation of the foundation.

Is this county funding creating a conflict-of-interest situation for Commissioner Edmonson or the employee?

Should you have any further questions please call me or Commissioner Edmonson at your earliest convenience.

Thank you
Oscar

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