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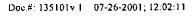
Michael Kosnitzky is a minority shareholder of the firm (as am I) who sits on the board of the PHT. He, will not attend, or in any way be involved in any aspect of this case including the settlement conference. Mr. Kosnitzky is a transactional attorney that has never met anyone from Walbridge, and has no knowledge of the facts of this case. Mr. Kosnitzky will at no time be involved in this case.

Please advise this firm whether an ethical conflict exists simply by being copied on letters between attorneys for the PHT and Walbridge's inhouse counsel. I will not be appearing before the PHT Board on behalf of Walbridge in this matter, since this case will be settled or suit will be filed. All communications with the board in either case will be by Mr. Hartog not the undersigned. Additionally, in the future, I will no longer be copied on correspondence between the PHT and Walbridge. Finally, Mr. Kosnitzky will abstain from voting or partaking in any hearings related to approval of the settlement.

Please provide me with an advisory opinion as to whether an ethical conflict exists in this matter. Your immediate attention to this matter will be appreciated since we await your response before attending the settlement conference on August 1, 2001.

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## Via Facsimile and U. S. Mail

Mr. Robert Meyers Executive Director Miami Dade Commission on Ethics 19 West Flagler Street, Suite 220 Miami, Florida 33130

Re: Ethics Opinion/Zack Kosnitzky, P.A.

Dear Mr. Meyers:

By way of this letter, I hereby request an opinion regarding whether a conflict exists that may not be waived. The following are the pertinent facts:

My client, Walbridge Contracting Inc., ("Walbridge") entered into a construction contract with the Public Health Trust ("PHT") to build certain buildings on the Jackson Memorial Hospital property. Walbridge performed under the contract and now a dispute has arisen between it and the PHT regarding payment of certain claims with respect to the work that was performed.

Currently, a settlement conference is scheduled to take place between Walbridge and the PHT on August 1, 2001. Should this matter settle at that time, the attorneys for the PHT will take the matter before the PHT board for approval. If the matter does not settle, Walbridge will file suit against the PHT. In neither event will this firm appear before the PHT.

I have been advised by Miami-Dade County's attorney, Jack Hartog that he believes a "non-waivable" conflict exists. Mr. Hartog claims that this conflict arises due to the fact that I have been copied on letters from Walbridge's in-house counsel.

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