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To: mdportilla@duanemorris.com
Subject: Opinion

Miguel,

Several weeks ago we had a conversation wherein you asked whether the Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics applies to you as an attorney who is retained to represent a client before the Debarment Committee of Miami-Dade County. I consulted with Robert Ginsburg and our staff general counsel and we conclude that you are not required to register as a lobbyist in order to represent your client. This conclusion is based on our analysis that the Debarment Committee is not a County board. Therefore, the lobbying registration and reporting requirements of Section 2-11.1 do not apply to you.

If you wish to discuss this matter with me in greater detail, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Thanks,

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