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**From:** Walker, Ardyth (COE)  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 17, 2003 12:05 PM  
**To:** 'exproductions@aol.com'  
**Subject:** Honorarium for public officials

Ms. Dotson,

You requested an opinion regarding the payment of honorarium to an elected official. You advised me that the Metro Miami Action Plan Trust would like to pay an honorarium to an elected official for a speaking engagement. The Miami-Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance does not specifically address honorarium. §112.3149, Florida Statutes governs the payment of honorarium to elected officials. Under state law, an elected official may accept a honorarium unless the speaking engagement is related to the official's public office or duties or the honorarium is received from a lobbyist, employer, principal, partner or firm of a lobbyist or a political committee or committee of continuous existence. If you have any further questions, please e-mail me or call me at (305) 350-0616.