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**From:** Alicia M Robles-HHA [arobles@hialeahhousing.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2004 10:26 AM  
**To:** Prkic, Christina (COE)  
**Subject:** Re: Jurisdiction Question

I did not have a question. I was merely thanking you for your prompt answer.

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**From:** Prkic, Christina (COE)  
**Sent:** Friday, January 16, 2004 6:51 PM  
**To:** 'Alicia M Robles-HHA'  
**Subject:** RE: Jurisdiction Question

Hi Alicia:

I reviewed your question with Robert Meyers, the Executive Director. We conclude that the Ethics Commission does have jurisdiction over the Hialeah Housing Authority, which also extends to its commissioners and personnel.

The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance, Section 2-11-1(a) "*Designation*," provides:

This section shall be designated and known as the "Miami Dade County Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance." This section shall be applicable to all County personnel as defined herein, and shall also constitute a minimum standard of ethical conduct and behavior for all municipal officials and officers, autonomous personnel, quasi-judicial personnel, advisory personnel, departmental personnel and employees of municipalities in the County insofar as their individual relationships with their own municipal governments are concerned. References in the section to County personnel shall therefore be applicable to municipal personnel who serve in comparable capacities to the County personnel referred to.

The Authority can be considered, for purposes of the Code of Ethics, a quasi-judicial municipal entity whose commissioners serve in an official capacity.

If you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Also, I'm sending you, by way of a separate e-mail, the information about our city attorney luncheon and other upcoming programs. Hope to see you at the luncheon.

Regards,  
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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Alicia M Robles-HHA [mailto:arobles@hialeahhousing.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 3:34 PM  
**To:** Prkic, Christina (COE)  
**Subject:** Jurisdiction Question

Hello Christina:

I would like to know if the Miami Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust has jurisdiction over housing authorities, as they are autonomous instrumentalities (or municipal corporations) of the city or county in which created. Specifically does the Commission have jurisdiction over the Hialeah Housing Authority. Does the Commission have jurisdiction of the Board of Commissioners who serve on a housing authority's board?

Also, I would love to be added to the mailing list for Ethics seminars on Conflict of Interest, etc.

Regards,  
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