

Meyers, Robert (COE)

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2004 11:49 AM
To: Gastesi, Roman (CMO)
Subject: RE: Conflict of Interests Opinion

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Roman,

Based on the facts that you are not going to conduct business in Miami-Dade County and that you will not work on issues that involve Miami-Dade County, I conclude that there is no conflict under the County's Code of Ethics Ordinance. Please understand that you must seek the approval of the County Manager and disclose any income you derive in 2004 from these activities by July 1, 2005.

If you want the full Ethics Commission to consider this question, I can place this item on the agenda of our February meeting. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Robert Meyers

-----Original Message-----

From: Gastesi, Roman (CMO)
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2004 3:40 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: RE: Conflict of Interests Opinion

Robert

I envision on fulfilling this role by providing advice directly to clients.

Thank you
-Roman

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Monday, January 26, 2004 3:08 PM
To: Gastesi, Roman (CMO)
Subject: RE: Conflict of Interests Opinion

Roman,

Thanks for the e-mail. How do you envision fulfilling this role? Are you going to "lobby" governments on behalf of these private clients or simply provide advice directly to the companies?

Once you clarify this more me, I can give you an answer.

Thanks,

Robert

-----Original Message-----

From: Gastesi, Roman (CMO)
Sent: Thursday, January 22, 2004 6:39 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE); (eGov-ggs) Virus Alert List
Cc: Gastesi, Roman (CMO)
Subject: Conflict of Interests Opinion

Robert

With this e-mail, I am seeking an advisory opinion concerning outside employment.

I have read the Code of Ethics Ordinance and I'm aware that my department head - in my case the County Manger - must approve my outside employment. I have not asked him yet, I will do so if I receive a favorable opinion from you.

I am interested in starting a consulting firm that will help foreign and domestic companies enter the US and Florida markets, excluding Miami-Dade County. My role will be to develop an effective corporate and public affairs strategy to achieve specific business results. I would assist firms with regulatory, demographical, land use, procurement, and political issues. In short, corporate decision-makers need to ensure that government policies do not hinder, but actually enhance their ability to thrive in a competitive marketplace.

In an abundance of caution, I will not be doing any business in Miami-Dade County or with any issues concerning Miami-Dade County. I will not allow this outside employment to impair the performance of my duties as a County employee, and I will not exploit my position in my off-duty activities.

Please let me know if you need additional information or if you have any questions.

Thank you
-Roman