

ETHICS

From: ETHICS
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2004 3:33 PM
To: 'Jonathan Kroner FloridaFalseClaims'
Subject: RE: Book Gifts & Sec 2-11.1(e)(2)(d)

I don't believe such guidelines exist. You may want to check with the Florida Ethics Commission to find out if the state commission as ever opined in this subject. If not, I suspect it is a judgment call for the donor.

Robert Meyers

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From: Jonathan Kroner FloridaFalseClaims [mailto:webinquiry@floridafalseclaim.com]
Sent: Friday, October 01, 2004 2:50 PM
To: ETHICS
Subject: Re: Book Gifts & Sec 2-11.1(e)(2)(d)

Hi Mr. Meyers,
Thank you for the fast reply.
What are your thoughts on the gift certificate question (para. 2 below)?
Thank you.
-Jonathan

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Robert Meyers, Executive Director

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Sent: Friday, October 01, 2004 9:41 AM
To: ethics@miamidade.gov
Subject: Book Gifts & Sec 2-11.1(e)(2)(d)

Dear Ethics Commission:

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Also, sometimes it is difficult to pick the right book. Please provide or direct me to any authority or guidelines concerning a bookstore gift certificate where the certificate limits the selection of books to those which are solely of an informational nature.

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