


**COMMISSION ON
ETHICS AND PUBLIC
TRUST**

Memo

To: Bryan Finnie, Director
Miami-Dade County Office of Community and Economic Development

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

Date: 6/17/03

Re: Request for Opinion 03-09

At the Ethics Commission meeting held on June 12, 2003, your office requested advice relative to paying family members who were appointed by the Overall Tenant Advisory Council (OTAC) and provided services prior to the Ethics Commission opinion, dated February 28, 2003, which concluded that such practices of hiring and paying immediate family members were prohibited by the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance. The Ethics Commission concluded that it had no jurisdiction to render an opinion about paying for services rendered, as this amounts to a contractual matter that is not within the Commission on Ethics' purview. The Ethics Commission further stated that it had no objections to your office paying for services rendered prior to the Commission's ruling.

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

cc: Barbara Pierre, President, OTAC