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### **Additional Participants Confirmed at Politics, Law & Ethics Conference**

A full line up of some of Florida's most respected legal and political leaders will share their insights on challenges to the values and principles of those holding and seeking public office at a daylong conference sponsored by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust, St. Thomas University and the Daily Business Review. "When Politics and Law Collide: A Symposium on the Interplay of Ethical Standards in the Public Arena" will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2011 at the St. Thomas School of Law, 16401 NW 37 Ave., in Miami Gardens.

The keynote speaker will be **Bob Butterworth**, who has distinguished himself as former Florida Attorney General and St. Thomas Law School Dean, among other prestigious posts. Panelists include Retired Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice **Gerald Kogan**, Broward County Mayor **Sue Gunzburger**, Broward County Attorney **Joni Armstrong Coffey**, Former Florida Senate Minority Leader **Steve Geller**, Former State Representative **Miguel De Grandy**, Miami Gardens Mayor **Shirley Gibson**, Palm Beach County Ethics Commission Director **Alan Johnson**, Broward County Judge **Ken Gottlieb**, Miami-Dade County Judge **Eric Hendon**, Former Miami-Dade County Manager and School Superintendent **Merrett Stierheim**, Former County Commissioner and President of the Good Government Initiative **Katy Sorenson**, Florida Atlantic University Public Ethics Academy Director **Norm Ostrau**, Former Miami Mayor and Miami-Dade County Commissioner **Maurice Ferre**, Assistant Miami-Dade State Attorney **Joe Centorino**, renown defense attorney **Ben Kuehne**, political consultant **Irene Secada** and others.

Topics for discussion are: *South Florida's Climate of Corruption: Better Weather Ahead?; What Hat Do I Have on Today? Lawyers, Lobbyists & Elected Officials; Judges and Other Politicians: Learning From Each Other; and The Appearance of Impropriety: Undermining the Confidence of the Public.*

The registration fee includes morning refreshments, lunch and all materials. The cost is \$40 if paid by April 13 and \$50 at the door. CLE credits may be available. For more information and registration, log on to [www.stu.edu/ethics](http://www.stu.edu/ethics) or call Cathy Hayes at 305-623-2324.

*The Ethics Commission was created in 1996 as an independent agency with advisory and quasi-judicial powers. It is composed of five members, serving staggered terms of four years each. Through a program of education and outreach, the Commission seeks to empower the community and bolster public trust.*

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