

# Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

## Memo

**To:** File  
**From:** Michael Murawski, Advocate  
Kennedy Rosario, Investigator  
**Date:** January 29, 2007  
**Re:** K05-079 Close-Out Memo

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As stipulated by Miami-Dade County Ordinance a registered lobbyist is required to file an Expenditure Statement with the Miami-Dade County Clerk of the Board delineating all categories of expenditures said lobbyist incurred during a specific calendar year, said Expenditure Statement to be filed by July 1 of the ensuing year.

On July 11, 2005 a Notice of Violation was mailed to Ms. Thomasina Williams for failure to file the Expenditure Statement for 2004 citing a ten day past due.

On July 29, 2005 the Clerk of the Board received Ms. Williams Lobbyist Expenditure Report.

On July 29, 2005 the Clerk of the Board mailed to Ms. Williams a Notice of Violation stipulating a fine in the amount of \$1,400.00 was due for the late filing of the expenditure statement.

Months later the Clerk of the Board advised the COE that Ms. Williams had not made payment.

OIA Investigator Kennedy Rosario, via Ms. Williams' cellular telephone, determined that Ms. Williams was out of the country. Ms. Williams designated her legal assistant, Ms. Suzan J. Geck, as the person to handle the matter with the COE.

Ms. Geck entered into a dialogue and/or communication with COE Staff Attorney Victoria Frigo. An appeal of the fine was filed with the Commission on Ethics & Public Trust where in Staff Attorney Frigo recommended that the fine be reduced by 50%, \$750.00.

On November 15, 2005 the Commission on Ethics & Public Trust rendered its opinion reducing the fine to \$750.00

The fine was subsequently paid via a \$350.00 check drawn from Ms. Williams Law Office and a \$350.00 personal check drawn from Ms. Geck's account as Suzan J. Garrard.