



Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics & Public Trust

Investigative Report

Investigator: Breno Penichet

Case No.: K 13-123	Case Name: Outside Employment Parks & Recreation	Date Open:	Date Closed:
Complainant(s):	Subject(s): Alan Weitzel	October 03, 2013	October 16, 2013

Allegation(s):

A request from Victoria Frigo (Frigo), Senior Staff Attorney for the Commission on Ethics (COE) was made to determine if Alan Weitzel (Weitzel), a former Miami-Dade County (MDC) Parks & Recreations Department (P&R) Regional Manager, had permission to engage in outside employment. The request was made in order for Frigo to render a fair and accurate ethics opinion to a current P&R employee that has made a similar request. In particular, Frigo wanted to know the exact nature of Weitzel’s outside employment activities as it related to his MDC duties.

Relevant Ordinances:

Prohibition on outside employment, 2-11.1.(k), Miami-Dade Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance:
“(1) No person included in the terms defined in Subsections (b)5) [departmental personnel] and (6) [employees] shall receive any compensation for his or her services as an officer or employee of the County, from any source other than the County, except as permitted in Section 2-11 of this Code of Ordinances.”

Investigation:

Interviews

Alan Weitzel
8760 SW 160th Street
Palmetto Bay, Florida
(305) 251-7859

On October 16, 2013, Weitzel was interviewed on the telephone and advised of the nature of the call. Weitzel provided information concerning the circumstances surrounding his authorization for outside employment. Weitzel advised he was 50% owner of "Southern Golf Appraisals, Inc.," a golf management company that managed the operations of several golf courses in Broward County. Weitzel advised that he did not run the day-to-day operations of the company but that his partner did. He stated that he only met with his partner once or twice a week to go over the operation and provide feedback. Weitzel advised that he never did any of the company's work on county time and his company was never a county vendor.

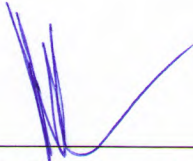
Document/Audio/Video Review:

1. Request for approval of outside employment for years 2009, 2010.
2. Financial Disclosure tracking sheet print out.
3. Active Florida Corporation "Southern Golf Appraisals, Inc." print out.

Conclusion(s):

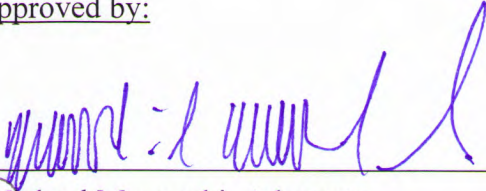
It was found that Weitzel did have authorization for outside employment. Weitzel conducted business in a different county and only had a passive role. All the information obtained was discussed with Senior Staff Attorney Frigo, in order for her to provide the ethics opinion.

As such I recommend this investigation be closed.

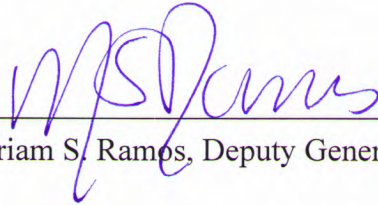


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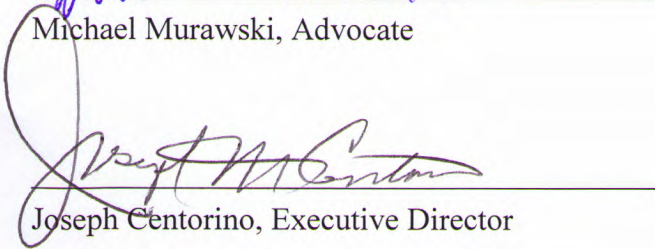
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