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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST

In re: Robert Levy

Case No: 07-11

PUBLIC REPORT AND ORDER ACCEPTING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Advocate filed the above-captioned complaint against Robert Levy ("Respondent") for alleged violation of Section 2-11.1(s) (Lobbying) and 2-11.1(t) (Cone of Silence). The complaint alleged the Respondent represented a company without registering as a lobbyist and contacted selection committee members during the cone period.

The Respondent was retained by Metro Traffic Safety Institute ("Metro") in early 2006. On June 16, 2006, Miami-Dade County issued a Request for Proposals to provide misdemeanor probation services. The selection committee was comprised of Judges Beth Bloom and Amy Karan, Zina Valenza, James Vose, Reynaldo Romero and Carlos Lavista. Judges Joseph Farina, Samuel Slom and Steven Leifman declined to serve on the selection committee. Miami-Dade County received responses from Metro, The Advocate Program, Judicial Correction Services and Maximus.

During the period covered by the Cone of Silence, the Respondent received a letter from Metro regarding the RFP. The letter made various allegations against the Advocate program including DUI convictions and its association with the judges that had declined to serve on the selection committee. The Metro letter also raised questions with the specifications contained in the RFP.

On behalf of Metro, the Respondent distributed the letter to members of the selection committee and contacted Judge Bloom and Judge Karan regarding the RFP.

On May 17, 2007, the Ethics Commission found the complaint legally sufficient. On June 26, 2007, the Respondent stipulated to probable cause. Thereafter, the Advocate presented a proposed settlement wherein the Respondent admitted Count 1 of the complaint regarding unregistered lobbying, pled no contest to Count 2 of the complaint regarding contact with Judge Bloom and the Advocate dismissed Count 3 of the complaint regarding contact with Judge Karan. The Respondent also agreed to pay a fine of seven hundred and fifty dollars and one thousand dollars in investigative costs.

Upon review of the complaint and the proposed settlement and finding the settlement agreement in the best

interest of Miami-Dade County, the Ethics Commission
accepted the proposed settlement agreement.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Commission on Ethics and
Public Trust in public session on June 26, 2007.

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION
ON ETHICS AND PUBLIC TRUST**

By:

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Kerry Rosenthal
Chairperson

cc: Robert Levy

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**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST**

SETTLEMENT ORDER

Pursuant to section 5.13 of the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust Rules of Procedure, Petitioner and Respondent do hereby enter into this settlement in full satisfaction of the above captioned matter based upon the following terms and conditions:

1. Respondent, ROBERT M. LEVY, believes it to be in his best interest and the best interest of all of the parties involved to avoid the expense and time of litigation in this matter and desires to resolve the differences between Respondent and Petitioner. Accordingly, Respondent admits to the allegations contained in Count 1 and agrees not to contest the allegations contained in Count 2 of Ethics Complaint No. 07-11.
2. Pursuant to this agreement, Respondent agrees to pay the maximum fine of \$750.00 to the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust (COE).
3. The Advocate recommends that Count 3 of the Complaint be dismissed.
4. Respondent agrees to pay the COE \$1,000.00 for investigative costs.
5. Respondent understands and agrees that failure by Respondent to pay the fine outlined in paragraph 2 and the costs outline in paragraph 4, may result in garnishment or other appropriate process or proceedings to enforce the recovery of the judgment as governed by the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.

6. Failure by the Respondent to fulfill and abide by his obligations under the agreed Settlement Order may result in contempt proceedings against the Respondent.

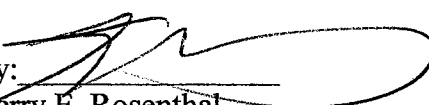
7. This agreement, consisting of two (2) pages, embodies the entire agreement of the parties respecting the subject matter herein. There are no promises, terms, conditions or obligations other than those contained herein. This agreement supersedes any and all previous communications, representations, and agreement either verbal or written between the parties.


8. By signing this agreement, Respondent acknowledges that he is doing so freely, voluntarily and without duress; that he is competent to enter this agreement; and that he has fully and completely read and understands the terms and conditions of the agreement.


9. Petitioner and Respondent agree that settlement of this action in the manner described above is just and in the best interest of the Respondent and the citizens of Miami-Dade County.

10. Should the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust reject this agreement, evidence of this offer of compromise and settlement is inadmissible to prove any of the allegations alleged.

Done and Ordered in Miami-Dade County, Florida this 21st day of June 2007.

By: 
Kerry E. Rosenthal
Chairperson


Miriam S. Ramos
Asst. Advocate


Robert M. Levy
Respondent