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In re: **VELIZ v. PIZZI**
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**PUBLIC REPORT
AND
FINAL DISMISSAL ORDER**

Elizabeth Veliz, a private citizen, filed the above-referenced complaint against Respondent Michael Pizzi, who serves as both Town Attorney for the Town of Medley and Mayor in the Town of Miami Lakes. The complainant suggested that it may be unethical for Mr. Pizzi to hold two public positions in different towns. In fact, holding two positions in separate municipalities does not violate the County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1.¹

The complaint was filed following an interaction Ms. Veliz had with the Town of Medley. She was denied a business license (Business Tax Receipt) because a property she had rented did not meet certain building code standards. Ms. Veliz speculated that perhaps if her landlord had lived in Miami Lakes, where Mr. Pizzi served as Mayor, Mr. Pizzi might have approved her business application in the Town of Medley, where he serves as Town Attorney.

¹ Neither does this fact pattern violate state law. Under Fla. Stat. 112.313 (10), a person may not be employed by a municipality and simultaneously hold an elected office *in the same municipality*. This is not the fact pattern in the above-referenced complaint.

Pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County at Sec. 2-1068, the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission extends "to any person required to comply with the County or municipal Code of Ethics Ordinances...." The County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1(a) extends the jurisdiction of the County Ethics Ordinance to municipal elected officials and municipal attorneys.

On June 26, 2012, the Ethics Commission move to dismiss the complaint for lack of legal sufficiency because no evidence had been proffered to describe a possible violation of an ordinance within the jurisdiction of the Ethics Commission.

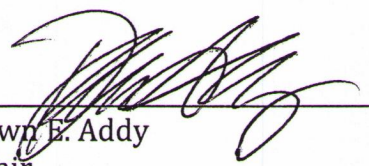
Therefore it is:

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED THAT the complaint against Respondent Michael Pizzi is hereby dismissed.

DONE AND ORDERED by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics & Public Trust in public session on June 26, 2012.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION ON ETHICS
& PUBLIC TRUST

By:



Dawn E. Addy
Chair

Signed on this date: 07/20/2012

