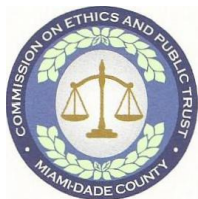


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RE: INQ 2020-118

Dear Mr. Tingle:

Thank you for contacting the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust (“Ethics Commission”), requesting our guidance regarding relatives of Miami-Dade County (“County”) employees seeking to register as County vendors.

In correspondence to our office on October 30, 2020, you stated that you wish to register your production company, Crown Street Films, LLC, as a County vendor. You advised that you are not a County employee; and your spouse, Sarah Tingle, is employed by Miami-Dade County Public School Board (“School Board”) as a teacher.

You inquired whether the County Ethics Code would prevent your company, Crown Street Films, LLC, from contracting with the County.

Section 2-11.1(c)(4) of the County Ethics Code provides that County employees and their immediate family members, are required to obtain an ethics opinion from the Ethics Commission prior to submitting a bid, response, or application of any type of contract with the County. However, this section does not apply to you because your spouse, is an employee of the School Board of Miami-Dade County. School Board employees are *not* County employees, and do not fall within the jurisdiction of the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code.

Consequently, you have no limitations under the County Ethics Code for doing business with the County through your private firm, Crown Street Films, LLC.

Please be advised, however, that as a County vendor, you will become subject to certain provisions of the County Ethics Code.

Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 305-579-2594.

Sincerely,

*Radia Turay*

Radia Turay, Esq.  
Staff Attorney

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