

**Meyers, Robert (COE)**

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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2007 4:42 PM  
**To:** Perez, Rosie (GIC)  
**Subject:** RE: Advisory Ethics Opinion - Outside Employment

Ms. Perez,

There is nothing in the ethics ordinance that would prohibit you from engaging in outside employment as a financial advisor. Moreover, I do not believe a conflict of interest exists if you offer your services to County employees who are about to retire. I would recommend against you utilizing the County e-mail system to contact prospective clients and I also recommend against you contacting them during their office hours. I suggest you limit your contacts to before and after work and weekends. If you need to send e-mail, you should send them to non-County e-mail addresses.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director  
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust  
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**From:** Perez, Rosie (GIC)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2007 11:18 AM  
**To:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Cc:** 'rdperez@bellsouth.net'  
**Subject:** Advisory Ethics Opinion - Outside Employment

Good Morning Mr. Meyers,

I am writing to you for an advisory opinion and to ensure that I do not do anything that may be in violation of the Ethics code.

I am a county employee for 17 years. I currently hold the title of Sr. Chief, Information Technology Services for Miami-Dade Transit. I am presently working on a special project for Judi Zito, outside of Transit, in the Government Information Center (GIC) to transition the Transit Call Center to 311.

At the same time that I am working for the county, I am pursuing something that I have always wanted to do which is to do some outside Financial Advising. I completed my testing and am in the process of getting appointed with John Hancock Financials. I have submitted an outside employment request. In the process to getting established as an advisor, I have decided that one of the targeted groups I will be concentrating in is County employees that will be soon retiring.

I submitted a public records request to the Employee Relations Department, which was approved, for all employees that are about to retire. I have the report and it includes name, address, salary and other information. I will be contacting them via mail or phone during my off time, when I am not working at the county.

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In this process of contacting them though, there could be possibilities that it will be required to contact them during their office times or at the office, or they will contact me or my partners. I would like to ensure that there is no ethics violation to this and want some information as to anything that I should be cautious of to ensure that there are no ethical issues.

Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Have a great day!!!

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