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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 12:21 PM
To: 'Foeman, Walter'
Subject: RE: Opinion Request - Financial Disclosure - Special Trial Board

Dear Mr. Foeman:

I reviewed the advisory opinion issued by the State of Florida Commission on Ethics and our office has no authority to interpret state law, so I can't agree or disagree with it. However, I can offer an opinion under the County's Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance and I find that members of a permanent local board are bound by the county ethics ordinance, which includes the financial disclosure requirements. If the Special Trial Board falls within this category, then its members must file financial disclosure forms. If, on the other hand, this board is akin to an ad hoc committee, then the ethics ordinance would not apply. I will leave it up to your city attorney to decide in which category this particular board falls.

Feel free to contact me should you have any further questions.

Thanks,

Robert Meyers

From: Foeman, Walter [mailto:wfoeman@coralgables.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 10:43 AM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
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Good Morning Mr. Meyers,

I am in receipt of an advisory opinion which was received from the State of Florida Commission on Ethics, in connection with the below captioned issue. Please advise me, if you concur with same.

Thanks,

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you still have to check with the local ethics commission

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FYI. My letter to him is going out in today's mail.

~ Julie

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