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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2010 4:59 PM
To: Pizano, Sara (ASD)
Subject: RE: expert fees

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Sara:

I believe I can address your question, but you may not like my response. I don't see why a County employee who qualifies as an expert should be paid for his/her testimony. Granted, it isn't common for your personnel to testify in court cases, but it seems to be an extension of their County work. For that matter, I would assume the individual would be on County time when the employee appears in court. Generally, when County employees are on County time, they are not entitled to additional compensation beyond the salary they earn from the County.

My position on the contract vet would be different. This person is not considered a County employee and has the right to earn income outside of his/her work for Miami-Dade County.

Feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss.

Thanks,

Robert

From: Pizano, Sara (ASD)
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2010 12:12 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
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Hi Robert,
 The SAO asked me to find out and I'm not sure who to ask. Do you know?
 Thanks,
 Sara

From: Deutsch, Mark (HR)
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2010 12:07 PM
To: Pizano, Sara (ASD)
Subject: RE: expert fees

I really don't know the answer to this one, Sara. It's not really outside employment. Maybe Robert Myers at Ethics Commission would be most familiar with this issue.

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From: Pizano, Sara (ASD)
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2010 9:53 AM
To: Deutsch, Mark (HR)
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Mark,
Please let me know.
thanks

From: Dunlop, Barbara (GSA)
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2010 9:52 AM
To: Pizano, Sara (ASD)
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I would check with Mark Deutsch in HR.

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From: Pizano, Sara (ASD)
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2010 9:42 AM
To: Dunlop, Barbara (GSA)
Subject: expert fees

Hi Barbara,
I'm working on the serial cat killer case with the State Attorney. I will be testifying in the case probably along with one of our contract vets and one staff vets. The SAO wanted to know if we would get paid expert fees. Can you let me know or tell me how I can find out?
Thanks,
Sara

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