

Meyers, Robert (COE)

INQ 10-125

From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Friday, July 09, 2010 3:12 PM
To: Holmes, Arthur (MDFR)
Subject: RE: Advisory Opinion

Dear Chief Holmes:

Thank you for your request for opinion. Based upon the facts that you have provided me, your work as an adjunct professor with Miami-Dade College does not appear to conflict with your duties as Division Chief of the Training and Safety Division for the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department. There are some caveats to this conclusion. First and foremost, you should not engage in any work for the College while on County time. In other words, you should not be preparing for class, grading papers or engaging in other instructional activities while on duty. Secondly, you must receive permission from the Fire Chief or his designee on an annual basis for your adjunct professor work and you must timely report the income that you generate from this employment by filing the appropriate form with the Supervisor of Elections. Finally, to the extent to which students in your class also work for Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, they should be treated the same as those students who do not work for MDFR.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Thank you,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
 Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

From: Holmes, Arthur (MDFR)
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 12:18 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Cc: Holmes, Arthur (MDFR)
Subject: Advisory Opinion

I am requesting an advisory opinion on whether my outside employment as an adjunct professor at Miami Dade Community College poses any conflict of interest with my position as Division Chief of the Training and Safety Division, Miami Dade Fire Rescue Department.

In my position as the Division Chief of the Training and Safety Division for Miami Dade Fire Rescue, I will oversee all aspects of training and safety for the department.

Additionally, I have been employed as an adjunct instructor with Miami Dade Community College since 1997. In this capacity, I have taught the following programs:

- Minimum Standards
- Correctional Officers Fire Safety
- Florida Power and Light Fire Safety
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Paramedic
- Associate of Science Degree.

My current teaching assignment is the fire inspector program which is taught once a semester in the evening.

7/9/2010

My position as Division Chief of Training and Safety will not be compromised by my part-time employment by the College.

Please advise if this in any way violates the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Ordinance.

Sincerely

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