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August 19, 2010

Chief Manuel Mena
Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department
Office of the Fire Marshal
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9300 N.W. 41st Street
Doral, FL 33178

RE: INQUIRY 10-152

Dear Chief Mena:

I received your request for an advisory opinion regarding the outside employment of Vincent Cilli and I am rendering this informal opinion based on the information contained in your request. The Ethics Commission has not considered this matter. Please contact me if you want this matter placed on the Ethics Commission's August agenda.

In your request, you advised me that Vincent Cilli is a Fire Safety Specialist with the Department of Fire Rescue. In that capacity, Cilli is responsible for conducting fire safety inspections to ensure compliance with state and local fire safety codes. Cilli is requesting outside employment with Garrison and Sloan K9 Detection. Garrison and Sloan performs safety inspections at the Port of Miami. Cilli will work with bomb sniffing dogs in conducting explosive detection searches.

The Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance permits county employees to work for contractors who provide services at county facilities as long as the employee is

not responsible for oversight or management of the contractor in their county employment. Section 2-11.1(j) provides that no employee "shall accept other employment which would impair his or her independence of judgment in the performance of his or her public duties." As long as Cilli does not perform any work related to Garrison and Sloan or their work at the Port of Miami in his county employment, the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance permits him to serve as a canine handler.

This opinion construes the Miami-Dade Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics ordinance only and is not applicable to any conflict under state law. Please contact the State of Florida Commission on Ethics if you have any questions regarding possible conflicts under state law.

Please contact the undersigned at (305) 579-2594 if you have any questions or want this matter placed on the Ethics Commission's August 31st agenda.

SINCERELY YOURS,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ardyth Walker".

Ardyth Walker
STAFF GENERAL COUNSEL



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TO: Ethics Committee

FAX #: 305-579-0273

Attn: Ardith Walker

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COMMENTS: Request for Outside Employment

As requested by Chief Manuel Mena.

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rdyth:

Please take a look at this and let me know if a conflicting employment situation is created for Inspector Cilli. Also, do you want to treat this as an INQ or bring it before the Ethics Commission?

Thanks,

Robert

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From: Mena, Manny C. (MDFR)
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