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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Friday, December 17, 2010 9:16 AM
To: 'hkennedy@wsh-law.com'
Subject: Miami-Dade County Board Membership

Harley:

I thought it would be best to respond to your question by e-mail. Based on our conversation on December 16, 2010, you advised me that you have been appointed to the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board and you wish to know whether any conflicts might exist due to your employment with a law firm, which could sue the County or take some other position adverse to the County. The only restrictions on board service that have some relevancy appear in Section 2-11.38 and Section 2-11.1(m)(2). Section 2-11.38 simply states that you are not permitted to personally bring a lawsuit against the County and simultaneously sit on a County board. Section 2-11.1(m)(2) states that you as individual cannot appear in court or in any administrative tribunal seeking legal relief from your board. Therefore, as I read the County Code, there is no prohibition against you serving on a County board even under circumstances in which your law firm is in litigation with the County.

If you have any further questions or wish to discuss in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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

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