

Meyers, Robert (COE)

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From: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2011 1:44 PM
To: 'Guillermo Olmedillo'
Subject: RE: Conflict of interest opinion
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Dear Mr. Olmedillo:

Thank you for your e-mail and I apologize for not responding to your previous e-mail. My inclination is to find that a conflict of interest would not be created if you were hired by a private law firm in a case against Miami-Dade County (as the real party is the City of Miami) while simultaneously serving as a consultant for Miami-Dade County for two reasons: 1) You were hired by Miami-Dade County to prepare a redistricting plan for the County which is unrelated to offering an expert opinion on a zoning matter and 2) Your testimony as an expert witness is connected to a zoning issue in the City of Miami's Zoning Ordinance, whereas your consultant agreement is with the County. I am assuming that the City of Miami City Commission enacted the Miami 21 Ordinance and the County's involvement as the project manager has nothing to do with the actual zoning legislation adopted by the City. If I have misstated the County's role with respect to Miami 21, please advise me at your earliest convenience.

If you have any further questions or wish to discuss, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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

From: Guillermo Olmedillo [mailto:G.Olmedillo@swerdlow.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2011 4:19 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: FW: Conflict of interest opinion

Good Afternoon Mr. Meyers:

I wanted to follow up on my original communication below.
 I would like to make a decision that will not create a conflict.
 Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,
 Guillermo Olmedillo

From: Guillermo Olmedillo
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 11:30 AM
To: 'rmeyers@miamidade.gov'
Subject: Conflict of interest opinion

Good Morning Mr. Meyers:

I have recently been awarded a contract by the Board of County Commissioners to prepare the redistricting plan as a result from the 2020 Census.

Also recently I have been contacted by an attorney from Weiss Serota to use my services as a land use and zoning expert in a case involving Miami-Dade County.

The project is the widening of SW 27th. Avenue from South Dixie Highway to South Bayshore Drive.

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The issue is the application of Miami 21, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Miami, in relation to the taking of rights of way.

Although the jurisdiction is the City, the County is managing this project.

The question is: Will there be a conflict to accept the work representing property owners affected by a County project while I have been contracted by the County to do the redistricting plan?

I appreciate your response.

Respectfully,

Guillermo Olmedillo

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