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Mr. Pizzi,

You asked if any ethics conflicts would be created if you were to accept outside employment as the private attorney for the Medley Chamber of Commerce, a nonprofit organization, while simultaneously serving as Town Attorney for the Town of Medley.

Based on the County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (j) and a previous ethics opinion given to City of Miami Beach Commissioner Jerry Libbin, no apparent employment conflicts are likely to occur in this arrangement as long as the Chamber has no business before the Town.

Day-to-day activities of the Chamber would not typically place you in a position that might impair your independence of judgment as Town Attorney unless the Chamber were to appear before the Town of Medley seeking a benefit.

Similarly, in an opinion given to City of Miami Beach Commissioner Jerry Libbin, the Ethics Commission found that Commissioner Libbin could serve as President of the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce as long as he took precautions in voting and fundraising in relationship to the Chamber (RQO 10-08).

If you should have further questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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From: Michael Pizzi <mpizzijr@yahoo.com>
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Subject: opinion

Victoria:

Thanks so much for the expedited opinion on whether the Code of Ethics presents prohibitions on me serving as attorney for the Medley chamber of Commerce. I am not aware of this not for profit entity having any business with the Town.

Thanks,

Michael Pizzi
Medley Town Attorney