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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2014 9:07 AM  
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**Subject:** FW: Conflict Question (two-year rule) INQ 14-104

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**Subject:** RE: Conflict Question (two-year rule) INQ 14-104

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**Subject:** Conflict Question (two-year rule) INQ 14-104

Mr. Herin:

You served as the Interim Village Attorney for the Village of Palmetto Bay (Village) until March 2014. You are currently a Shareholder at the law firm GrayRobinson P.A. You have inquired whether there would be a prohibited conflict of interest under the County or Village's ethics codes for one of your partners to represent a bank client in securing the reduction and/or elimination of a Village code enforcement lien on a bank-owned piece of property.

The County and Village Ethics Codes do not extend to your law firm partner because he is neither a current nor former employee of the Village. However, pursuant to the Village of Palmetto Bay's Code at Sec. 2-136 **you** would be prohibited from being involved in the code enforcement lien reduction process.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we may be of further assistance.

Gilma (Mimi) Diaz-Greco  
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Mr. Herin:

Has the law firm partner you refer to in the e-mail ever been employed by the city of Palmetto Bay?  
Best regards,  
Gilma (Mimi) Diaz-Greco  
Staff Attorney

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**From:** John R. Herin, Jr. [<mailto:John.Herin@gray-robinson.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 18, 2014 1:43 PM  
**To:** Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)  
**Cc:** Paul H. Minoff  
**Subject:** Conflict Question

Gilma – thanks for talking to me this afternoon. As we discussed, up until March of this year I served as the Interim Village Attorney for the Village of Palmetto Bay (“Village”) – but at this time neither I nor my law firm have any business relationship with the Village. One of my partners has been asked by bank that is a client of our firm to represent it in securing the reduction and/or elimination of a Village code enforcement lien on a bank owned piece of property. The underlining code violation has been complied, and I **WILL NOT** be involved in the lien reduction process.

Based upon the foregoing facts please advise if my work as the Interim Village Attorney is imputed to my partner, thus prohibiting him from handling the code enforcement lien reduction for the bank client in light of Section 2-136 of the Village Code and/or Section 2-11.1(q) of the Miami-Dade County Code? In advance, thank you for your prompt response and have a nice weekend.

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