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From: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2014 10:03 AM
To: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Subject: INQ - John Herin, City Attorney, City of Doral

I was asked by John Herin, City Attorney for the City of Doral, regarding whether he could provide advice to the City officials regarding the procedures for the hiring of a new City Attorney. Mr. Herin is a member of the law firm Gray Robinson, which currently holds the contract for legal services in Doral. The City Council of Doral has indicated that it wishes to consider the hiring of another law firm and has initiated a process for selecting a firm from among various applicants. Mr. Herin's own firm, Gray Robinson, will be among the competitors for the contract. I advised Mr. Herin that, insofar as he and his firm remain the City Attorney for the City, they subject to the County Code of Ethics concerning Conflicts of Interest based upon Section 2-11.1(5), pursuant to which he is considered "county personnel." Since he and his firm members are subject to Section 2-11.1(n) which prohibit such personnel from participating in any official action directly or indirectly affecting a business in which he has a financial interest, it would be inappropriate for him to be involved in providing advice to City officials concerning the selection process and any other issues directly connected to the selection of a new City Attorney.

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