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Sent: Monday, March 03, 2014 10:15 AM
To: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Subject: INQ - Murray Greenberg, Attorney, Gelber, Schacter and Greenberg (Lobbying)

Murray Greenberg, an attorney with Murray, Schacter and Greenberg, called on Friday, February 28, 2014, to inquire regarding whether a conversation with the Miami Beach City Attorney, in connection with a client who is a bidder on a pending contract solicitation, could constitute lobbying under Section 2-11.1((s)(1)(b)). Mr. Greenberg said that his law firm had been retained by the client in question to represent them in connection with a potential claim against the City regarding the bid solicitation that was the subject of his inquiry. His phone call to the City Attorney was an attempt to convey his client's position and, possibly, to avoid litigation. The City Attorney is not the person who has decision-making authority over the contract in question. I opined to Mr. Greenberg that under these circumstances his conversation with the City Attorney would be considered practicing law rather than lobbying.

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