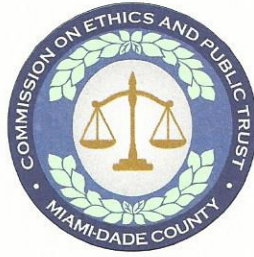


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March 17, 2014

Ms. Maria E. Stocking
Landauer Valuation and Advisory
1111 Brickell Avenue, Suite 2000
Miami, FL 33131

Re: INQ 14-60, Limitations on Doing Business with the County

Dear Ms. Stocking:

On March 5, 2014 you asked about limitations Landauer Valuation & Advisory, may encounter in doing business with the Miami-Dade County Internal Services Department based on your position with the privately owned company as Associate Director. We understand that Landauer Valuation & Advisory provides real estate appraisal services. Your mother, Aida Stocking, is employed by the Miami-Dade Office of the Property Appraiser as an Income Evaluation Specialist.

The County Ethics Code at Sec. 2-11.1 (c)(2) allows your employer to enter into a contract with Miami-Dade County as long as the contract does not interfere with the full and faithful discharge of your mother's duties to the County. This includes the condition that she does not participate in determining the contract requirements or in awarding the contract. Additionally, none of your mother's job responsibilities and job descriptions may require her to be involved in the contract in any way including, but not limited to, its enforcement, oversight, administration, amendment, extension, termination or forbearance. Finally, she may not work in any County department that will enforce, oversee or administer your contract. In your case, this means that you may not, either individually or through your firm, enter into contracts with the Miami Dade Office of the Property Appraiser.

This opinion construes the Miami-Dade County Ethics Code as it applies to County vendors who employ relatives of County employees at Sec. 2-11.1 (c)(2) only. It is not applicable to any conflicts under other sections of the County Code or to issues related to state or federal laws.

If any of the facts you have presented change or if you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at 305 379-2594.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Gilma Diaz-Greco in cursive script.

Gilma Diaz-Greco
Staff Attorney

Please submit this letter to the Procurement Management Services Division with your Relatives of County Employees Wishing to Register as County Vendors' application. The Ethics Commission does not submit this letter on your behalf.

Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)

From: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 1:05 PM
To: 'Stocking, Maria'
Cc: Centorino, Joseph (COE)
Subject: RE: Ethics Opinion Form
Attachments: INQ 14-60 Stocking.pdf

Dear Ms. Stocking:

Attached is the Limitations on Doing Business with the County Ethics opinion letter. Please note that it indicates that, as a relative of a County employee, the code does not prohibit you from entering into a contract with the County as long as it does not interfere with the County employee's faithful discharge of duties to the County. Please note the limitation that you may not, either individually or through your firm, enter into contracts with the Miami Dade Office of the Property Appraiser, the department in which your mother Aida Stocking works. I will send you the original letter via regular mail.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Gilma (Mimi) Diaz-Greco
Staff Attorney



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From: Stocking, Maria [<mailto:mstocking@ngkf.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 2:59 PM
To: Diaz-Greco, Gilma M. (COE)
Subject: Ethics Opinion Form

Ms. Gilma Diaz-Greco,

I am applying to be an approved real estate appraiser for Miami-Dade County for the Internal Services Department. The Committee is requesting a formal "Conflict of Interest Opinion" on Ethics

because by mother Aida Stocking and sister, Helen Stocking are both employed by Miami-Dade County in the Property Appraiser's office.

Attached is the form COE for your consideration. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks for any and all consideration,

Maria E. Stocking, ASA

Associate Director

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