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## **Campaigners have two opportunities to learn the law**

In advance of municipal votes in some of Miami-Dade's biggest cities this fall (including Miami, Miami Beach, Hialeah and Homestead) and many more local and state races set for 2010, candidates and their staff members can brush up on election and fundraising regulations at a Campaign Skills Seminar sponsored by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust. For convenience, two similar events are planned – in Hialeah on August 26<sup>th</sup> and in Homestead on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

The seminars will provide essential information to declared candidates, individuals considering running for election or anyone who wants to understand the legal and ethical obligations of seeking public office. Speakers include representatives of the Miami-Dade Ethics Commission, the Miami-Dade League of Cities, the State Attorney's Office and the Elections Department. The events are free and open to the public.

**Campaign Skills Seminar – Hialeah**  
**Wednesday, August 26, 2009 6:30 p.m.**  
**Victor Wilde Community Center**  
**1701 West 53 Terr.**

**Campaign Skills Seminar – Homestead**  
**Wednesday, September 16, 2009 6:30 p.m.**  
**City Hall Council Chambers**  
**790 N. Homestead Blvd. (US 1 & SW 312 St.)**

For more information or to reserve a seat, call Robert Thompson at 305-350-0630 or e-mail robthom@miamidade.gov.

*The Ethics Commission was created in 1996 as an independent agency with advisory and quasi-judicial powers. It is composed of five members, serving staggered terms of four years each. Through a program of education and outreach, the Commission seeks to empower the community and bolster public trust.*

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