

May 10, 2011

Dear City of Miami Lobbyist:

The Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust has the authority to interpret and enforce municipal codes of ethics, including the provisions that are applicable to lobbyists. Our office understands that the City of Miami has adopted a fairly comprehensive set of rules and regulations for those wishing to lobby in the City of Miami. To this end, I am inviting you to a workshop to review the current standards and relevant ethics opinions, to critically review these standards and to assist our office in developing recommendations to be forwarded to the City Commission later this year. The purpose of this exercise is for the City to create rules which are not overly restrictive or burdensome on those who lobby in Miami, recognizing that some form of regulation is necessary for the public to maintain confidence in government.

The workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30th at 6:30 p.m. in the City of Miami Commission Chambers. I anticipate the workshop lasting approximately 90 minutes, which will give our office sufficient time to cover the abovementioned topics. We have invited the City Attorney and the City Clerk to take part in this workshop as well.

Please RSVP by emailing me at rmeyers@miamidade.gov. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (305) 350-0613.

I look forward to seeing you on June 30th.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust