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Local attorney joins Ethics Commission

Nelson Bellido, a business lawyer and former Assistant State Attorney, will be sworn in as a new member of the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust at its regular monthly meeting, 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at 19 W. Flagler St. Suite 820.

Bellido is a partner in the Coral Gables-based law firm, Concepcion, Sexton & Martinez, P.A. and previously served with the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office from 1993 to 1997. He received his juris doctor in from the University of Florida College of Law and earned an undergraduate degree of Political Science and History with emphasis on Latin American History from Duke University.

Bellido was appointed by the Chief Judge of the Eleventh Circuit, Joel Brown, to fill the position vacated by Erica Wright earlier this year.

"I am honored that Chief Judge Brown selected me to join the Commission on Ethics," Bellido said. "I served our community as an Assistant State Attorney under Janet Reno and Kathy Fernandez-Rundle and look forward to expanding my commitment to public service while continuing my private practice as a business lawyer."

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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