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Commission on Ethics Announces Training Seminar for Pro Bono Volunteer Advocates

The Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics is pleased to announce that a training seminar for pro bono volunteer advocates will be held on July 30 at Vista Center, 2300 Vista Parkway, West Palm Beach, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

The training will be conducted by Miriam S. Ramos, assistant advocate and Manual W. Diaz, investigator for the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust, along with Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics Executive Director Alan S. Johnson.

In conjunction with the Legal Aid Society, the Ethics Commission has developed a volunteer program consisting of 15 pro bono attorneys, including Alexcia Cox, Bob Gentile, Dan Galo, Flynn Bertisch, Glen Torcivia, Hardee Bass, Jack Ackerman, JD Small, John Cleary, Joseph Walsh, Kaili Fouts, Orlando Gonzalez, Patrick Quinlin, Quinn Johnson and Shannon Rountree.

After the volunteers successfully complete training and under the direction of the Executive Director, all legally sufficient complaints involving violations of the Code of Ethics, lobbyist registration and post-employment ordinances will be assigned to volunteer advocates to investigate and, if necessary, presented before the Commission on Ethics.

The public is invited to observe the advocate training seminar. The Commission on Ethics hotline is (877) 766-5920.

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