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Commission on Ethics Announces Training Seminar for Pro Bono Volunteer Advocates

The Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics (COE) is pleased to announce that on Thursday, September 29, 2016 from 1 to 5 p.m., there will be a training seminar for pro bono volunteer advocates. The training will be conducted by COE Executive Director Mark E. Bannon and General Counsel Christie E. Kelley at the Vista Center, 2300 Jog Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33411, in the hearing chambers (Room 1W-47).

Established in 2010, the COE volunteer advocate program has been an integral part of the COE process, allowing members of The Florida Bar to take active roles in ethics reform in Palm Beach County. It also allows licensed attorneys to earn valuable Continuing Legal Education credits (CLEs), as required by The Florida Bar, and to receive reportable pro bono hours for their work with the COE.

After successfully completing this training, volunteer advocates may be asked to assist with investigating, making probable cause recommendations, and presenting legally sufficient complaints to the commission in executive session hearings and final public hearings held before either the commission or a neutral magistrate.

Those who are interested in using their legal skills to take advantage of this unique opportunity to become involved in ethics reform in Palm Beach County, while earning both pro bono hours and required Florida Bar CLE credits, can call (561) 355-1915 or visit ethics@palmbeachcountvethics.com to be added to the training roster.

The public is also invited to observe the Advocate Training Seminar.

The Commission on Ethics hotline is (877) 766-5920.

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