

February 1, 2006

The Honorable John Peyton  
Mayor, City of Jacksonville  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall at St. James  
117 W. Duval Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Dear Mayor Peyton:

I am the immediate past President of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL). I am writing to commend to you Carla Miller, Esquire, Co-Ethics Officer for the City of Jacksonville, who presently serves as a Steering Committee Member and officer (Treasurer) of COGEL.

By way of background, COGEL is an international association of government agencies, organizations, and individuals with responsibilities or interests in governmental ethics, elections, campaign finance, lobbying regulation, and freedom of information. COGEL's membership includes agencies at all levels of government throughout the United States and Canada, as well as an increasing number of members from abroad, particularly Mexico, Europe and Australia.

Carla Miller has distinguished herself at COGEL as a tireless advocate of good government, particularly at the municipal level. She is especially known among COGEL members as the moving force behind COGEL's municipal section. Other municipalities across the United States look to Carla Miller for her expertise, both as an ethics officer and as an excellent resource for municipal ethics programs.

I worked closely with Carla on the COGEL Steering Committee from 2003-2005. She is a tireless and enthusiastic team player. During my term as COGEL President from 2004-2005, I found Carla to be indispensable to the success of my presidency.

I am confident that you would find Carla Miller's expertise to be an invaluable resource for your administration in advancing your good government initiatives.

Sincerely,

Robin M. Hittie  
Deputy Chief Counsel

RMH/s

cc: Adam Hollingsworth, Chief of Strategic Initiatives