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8:30 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.

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Program

- 8:30 am **Registration**
- 9:00 am **Welcome**
Kerry Rosenthal, Chairman, Miami-Dade County
Commission on Ethics and Public Trust, Robert Meyers,
Executive Director, Miami-Dade County Commission on
Ethics and Public Trust & Dr. Ken Goodman, University of
Miami Ethics Programs
- 9:30 - 10:45 am Concurrent Panel Discussions:

Environmental Justice-and Injustice
Corporate Environmental Responsibility
- 11:00 am - 12:15 pm Concurrent Panel Discussions:

Ethical Issues in Comprehensive Planning, Zoning and
Land Use Development
Environmental Ethics Education
- 12:30-1:45 pm **Lunch and Keynote Address: Mary Doyle, Dean Emerita**
and Professor of Law, University of Miami
Greed and Redemption: How Law, Policy and Ethics Will Save
the Day
- 2:00-3:30 pm **Ethical Perspectives on Everglades Restoration**
- 3:45-4:00 pm **Concluding Remarks**

Environmental Justice and Injustice

It is well known that the burdens of environmental damage -- and sometimes of remediation -- fall unfairly on certain groups. This panel examines the role governments, advocates, scientists and others in play shaping dialogue and advancing the goals of environmental justice. The session will also address the efforts and authority of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Key questions include: What statutory authority and enforcement and monitoring mechanisms are in place to thwart polluters, dumpers and others? How have policy and legislation affected low-income communities and communities of color? What ethical considerations should decision-makers and lawmakers consider when issuing permits or rezoning land? How should private property rights be weighed against public health and welfare?

Panelists

Moderator: Dr. Robin N. Fiore

Dr. Fiore is an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton Florida, where she teaches moral philosophy, environmental ethics, biomedical ethics and feminist theory. Dr. Fiore earned her Ph.D. and Masters degrees in Philosophy from Georgetown University and studied at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown. In 1997/98, Dr. Fiore was the Frances Elvidge Post Doctoral Fellow in Ethics and the University of South Florida.

The Honorable Clarence Anthony

Mayor Anthony has been serving the South Bay Community since 1984, when he was first elected to the City Commission. In 1985 he was elected as Mayor and has served as president of the Florida League of Cities and the National League of Cities, respectively. Mayor Anthony is a member of the Florida Environmental Land Management Study Commission and the Florida Government Everglades Ecosystem Task Force. He received his Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Public Administration from Florida Atlantic University.

Charley Causey

Mr. Causey has lived in the Florida Keys since 1980 after 22 years on Wall Street. In 1988 he started the Florida Keys Environmental Fund, where he is currently president. It is civic and environmentally oriented not-for-profit primarily aimed at protecting "Keys" natural resources (land and water) through scientific and legal means. Currently, he serves on the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Water Quality Steering Committee, the Florida Keys Citizens Coalition and the Izaak Walton League (Keys Chapter).

Dr. Ken Lindeman

Dr. Lindeman is a Senior Scientist with Environmental Defense, formerly Environmental Defense Fund, a NGO building market-based solutions within Program Areas including Oceans, Biodiversity and Human Health. He has published original research since 1985 on emerging coastal management issues among various northern Caribbean countries. He has consulted for the Smithsonian Institution, the UN Food and Agricultural Organization and serves on the Board of Directors of the Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute.

Jodi Mazer

Jodi Mazer has been with Environmental Protection Agency since 1997. During this time, she spent two years working at headquarters in the Water Enforcement Division. Since 1999, Mrs. Mazer has been the Regional Criminal Enforcement Counsel in Florida and has worked as Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of Florida prosecuting environmental crimes. She received her Bachelor of Arts, MS in Technology and Human Affairs and her J.D. from Washington University.

Audrey Peterman

Mrs. Peterman is co-founder and president of Earthwise Productions, Inc., a Florida-based environmental information and consulting company that seeks to bridge the gap between governmental agencies, private corporations, not-for-profit organizations in the environment segment, and people of color in the urban core. She is active in linking traditionally underserved populations to Everglades Restoration, serves on the National Parks Conservation Association and publishes an environment and travel periodical Pickup & GO!

Corporate Environmental Responsibility

South Florida's fragile ecosystem is given a measure of protection by federal and state regulations but a serious question remains: Is this legal framework sufficient to accomplish the goal of environmental preservation and protection or is something more required? This discussion will explore the dimensions of corporate social responsibility both in general terms and in the context of our particular economy. Is a heightened level of care required of decision-makers whose business choices affect the well-being of an environment that is at the core of the local economy or is such an idea a luxury we simply cannot afford? Is there another way to view this issue? Hard questions certain to generate provocative answers from our panelists.

Panelists

Moderator: Dr. Anita Cava

Dr. Cava is an Associate Professor of Business Law at the University of Miami's School of Business Administration. Her teaching specialties and research interests are the legal environment of business and business ethics, legal and ethical aspects of healthcare administration and employment issues. Currently, her research concerns compliance with the new HIPAA requirements for various elements of the healthcare community. She received her B.A. with Distinction from Swarthmore College and her J.D. from New York University School of Law.

The Honorable Josephus Eggleton, Jr.

Commissioner Eggleton, Jr. has served on the Broward County Commission since October 2000. Prior to becoming a Commissioner, he served as a Member of the Florida House of Representatives for 8 consecutive years. While in the Legislature, he was appointed as Vice Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee and co-authored the Brownfields Community Redevelopment Act in 1997 that helped bring consensus between business and environmental advocates. Presently, he serves as a Diversity Specialist with the Broward County School Board.

Lisa Maxwell

Since November of 2000, Ms. Maxwell has been the Director of Redevelopment-South Florida for the Lennar Corporation. In this capacity, she is charged with the responsibility of generating all redevelopment activities in South Florida, which include mixed-use, in-fill, urban reintegration, affordable housing and the creation of public/private partnerships for the redevelopment of inner cities. Prior to joining Lennar, Ms. Maxwell served for 15 years as the Director of Governmental affairs for the Builders Association of South Florida before becoming their Executive Director in 1997.

Dr. Karen Paul

Dr. Paul has been a Professor of Management and International Business at FIU since 1999, where she started and directed the International MBA program. She graduated from Emory University with a BA summa cum laude, MA and Ph.D. in Sociology. As a Fulbright Research Fellow in 1987-88 in South Africa, Dr. Paul researched corporate-community relations and the impact of sanctions on U.S. companies. She is the Founding Director of the *Domini Social Equity Fund*, serves on various editorial boards and business organizations and is currently doing a benchmarking study on business ethics in South Florida.

Jim Walsh

Mr. Walsh, a graduate of Cornell University and former ship captain, serves as the Carnival Cruise Lines Vice President of environmental, health and safety. Mr. Walsh's responsibilities include the development and implementation of environmental strategy, health programs and the Quality Assurance aspects of the Safety Management System. His office hosted the first Annual Cruise Line Environmental Roundtable in 1999 and played an integral role in the development of the Environmental Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Florida and the Florida Caribbean Cruise Association.

Ethical Issues in Comprehensive Planning, Zoning and Land Use Development

The quality of life of Florida's communities is characterized by a constant balancing of the expectations and rights of current residents with the need to develop and redevelop to accommodate future residents and visitors. How can this balancing best be done? How can consideration for special groups, elderly, handicapped, and newly arrived immigrants be addressed? How do we address the desire of residents to control their own destinies through incorporation of new municipalities without bankrupting the poor areas left behind? When to the legitimate needs of the overall community supercede the protected private property rights of existing landowners?

Panelists

Moderator: James Murley, Esq.

In 1999, Dr. Murley became the new Director of the Florida Atlantic University/ Florida International University Joint Center for Environmental and Urban Problems. He is a graduate of George Washington University Law School, where he specialized in environmental and land use law. While director of Resource Planning and Management with the Florida Department of Community Affairs, Mr. Murley helped draft and gain passage of Florida's landmark Growth Management Act. He is a member of the Miami River Commission and a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.

Toby Brigham

Mr. Brigham is a founding member of Brigham Moore, LLP, an eminent domain property rights law firm dedicated to the representation of property owners throughout Florida and the nation since 1972. He is a graduate of Yale University and the University of Florida (J.D.). Mr. Brigham has exclusively represented property owners in the areas of eminent domain and property rights law for more than 40 years and has authored numerous publications and articles on the subject. Additionally, he is an Adjunct Professor of Eminent Domain at the University of Miami School of Law.

Dr. Greg Bush

Dr. Bush is Associate Professor of History and Director of the University of Miami's Institute for Public History. He has a Ph.D. in History from Columbia University. One of the founders and current President of the Urban Environment League of Greater Miami, he created the Public Parks Coalition which has been instrumental in helping to preserve and enhance historical sites such as the Miami Circle. He is chairman of the City of Miami Parks Advisory Board and Vice Chair of the Bicentennial Park/Waterfront Renewal Committee.

Audrey Ordenes

Since July 2000, Ms. Ordenes has served as Executive Director of the Citizens For A Better South Florida. She has worked in conservation policy development, advocacy and education since 1993. Her previous experiences include Policy Representative for The Nature Conservancy's Florida Chapter, where she helped secure \$300 million annually for the largest conservation land acquisition program in the country. She chairs the Environmental Education Providers of Miami-Dade and co-chairs the local government committee of the Dade County League of Women Voters.

The Honorable Katy Sorenson

Katy Sorenson has served on the Miami-Dade County Commission since 1994. Following Hurricane Andrew, Commissioner Sorenson has worked to replace much of the lost tree canopy and has actively led the effort to redevelop Homestead Air reserve Base so that it is environmentally compatible and economically viable. As a Commissioner, she sponsored the Safe Neighborhoods parks bond issue and has been recognized for her environmental leadership by the Florida Audubon Society. She received her Bachelor of Science degree and Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin.

Diane O'Quinn Williams

Ms. O'Quinn Williams is the Director of Miami-Dade County's Department of Planning and Zoning and is credited with organizing the zoning responsibilities of the Community Councils. As Director, she administers the organization of the Mayor's Development Process Advisory Committee (DPAC) which is charged with providing a forum for citizens and the development industry to streamline and improve the building permitting and other development processes. Additionally, her department implements the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Development Master Plan, the guide for the County's growth and development plans.

Environmental Ethics Education

Environmental ethics is a source of important and compelling teaching moments -- opportunities for educators and students to learn about, debate and come to terms with a vast ensemble of ethical and policy issues. This panel features some of the region's leading educators who will share strategies and plans for incorporating issues in environmental ethics into curricula and teaching plans.

Panelists

Moderator: Dr. Sandra Schuh

Dr. Schuh is the president of a small environmental consulting firm Stutz, Schuh and Associates. Upon receiving her Ph.D. from the University of Miami, Dr. Schuh began her teaching career in the areas of applied ethics, philosophy, humanities and medical ethics. She was the former Director of the Environmental Ethics Institute at Miami-Dade Community College. She is listed in Who's Who Among American Teachers and in Engineering (as an Ethics Educator) and is a Fulbright Scholar. Dr. Schuh has been given Scholar status at the Library of Congress.

Dr. Linda Boyer

Dr. Boyer is principal of Manatee High School. Dr. Boyer has focused on building learning communities in her school district using a process she calls Constructivist Leadership. These learning communities use career strands as a point of interest for study, inclusion and social interaction. She has led Educator's tours in West Africa and the former Soviet Union. She is a graduate of University of Tennessee, University of South Florida and Nova Southeastern University.

Dr. Gus Loret-de-Mola, District Science Supervisor, Miami-Dade County Public Schools

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Dr. Lisa Pitman

Dr. Pitman is an Educational Specialist with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools and works in partnership with the University of Miami Rosensteel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences (RSMAS), where she is also a Science Education Research Specialist at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. She is involved in the development of the environmental health curriculum with students at the Miami Museum of Science as Project Director of AMBIENT. Dr. Pitman graduated from LSU, University of Georgia and University of New Orleans with degrees in Psychology, Curriculum and Instruction and Science Education.

Dr. Patricia Siemen

Dr. Siemen became Director of the Environmental Ethics Institute at Miami-Dade Community College, Wolfson Campus in July 2001. Prior to joining the Institute, she was a trial attorney with the US Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Executive Director of the Immokalee Non-Profit Housing, Inc. and Vice President of the Adrian Dominican Sisters. Her education background includes a Masters of Public Affairs from the University of Texas at Austin, a J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law and a Master of Arts, Culture and Spirituality from Holy Names College.

Keynote Address: Greed and Redemption: How Law, Policy and Ethics Will Save the Day

Mary Doyle

Ms. Doyle is Dean Emerita and Professor of Law at the University of Miami. Following several years of private practice in New York City, Dean Doyle entered government service, serving as assistant general counsel for the New York State Commission on Attica and as assistant executive director of the New York City Board of Corrections. She was deputy general counsel of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency during the Carter Administration. In 1974, she joined the faculty at the University of Arizona College of Law. Additionally, she was Dean of the University of Miami School of Law from 1986 through 1994 and interim dean in 1998-99. In the fall of 1999, Dean Doyle joined the U.S. Department of the Interior as acting assistant secretary of the interior for water and science. In 2001, she returned to the University of Miami where she teaches property, land use and water law and is chair of an intergovernmental panel that coordinates a massive 20-year \$7.3 billion Everglades Restoration program. She received her B.A. from Radcliffe College and an LL.B. from Columbia Law School.

Everglades Restoration

Southern Florida is home to one of the planet's most extraordinary and fragile ecosystems: the Everglades. This panel examines the ethical and legal challenges in restoring South Florida's ecosystem, including the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. What are the current regulations and statutes and their ethical underpinnings? In addition, panelists and audience members will consider how development and water and land use policies have affected water quality, wildlife and water management and conservation practices. Panelists will share their expertise on how law and policy are transforming the landscape and defining the restoration and revitalization of the Everglades ecosystem.

Panelists

Moderator: Richard Grosso, Esq.

Mr. Grosso is the Executive Director and General Counsel of the Environmental and Land Use Law Center, Inc. (ELULC), where he specializes in land use and growth management issues, particularly in concerning the Florida Everglades, Florida Keys and Martin County. He directs the public interest litigation practice and clinic at Shepard Broad Law Center at Nova Southeastern University. Formerly, he was the Legal Director for 1000 Friends of Florida and an attorney for the Department of Community Affairs and Department of Environmental Regulation. Mr. Grosso has successfully litigated a number of precedent setting cases, some of which have strengthened the protection of wetlands on private property.

Erin L. Deady, Esq., Audubon of Florida

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Shannon Estenoz

Ms. Estenoz is the Director of the World Wildlife Fund's South Florida Everglades Program. She has served two terms as the National co-chair of the Everglades Coalition, was appointed by Jeb Bush to the Governor's Commission for the Everglades and currently serves on the Water Resources Advisory Commission, an advisory body to the South Florida Water Management District and the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force. Prior to working with WWF, she was Executive Director of the Environmental & Land Use Law Center. Ms. Estenoz holds degrees in International Affairs and Civil Engineering from Florida State University.

Alan Farago

For nearly 15 years, Alan Farago has been a leader of the conservation movement in South Florida. Currently, he is the volunteer chair of the conservation committee for the Sierra Club Miami Group. He is also a conservation leader at the state level, responsible for coordinating the state campaign of Sierra Club on issues related to the Everglades, and also urban sprawl. Mr. Farago recently concluded a successful, multi-year campaign as executive director of Everglades Defense Council, to prevent construction of a commercial airport at the Homestead Air Force Base. Mr. Farago is a graduate of Yale and Columbia Universities.

Jerry Fernandez

Governor Jeb Bush appointed Mr. Fernandez as a member of the South Florida Water Management District Governing Board. He is a business consultant and president of Fernandez Consulting Group, Inc. His professional and service affiliations include the Miami River Commission, Chair of the Environmental Economics Council of Audubon of Florida and a member of the Board of Governors and Environmental Affairs Group of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. He received a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from the University of Florida and an M.B.A. from Florida International University.

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