

The Miami-Dade County League of Cities together with the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics hosted an Attorney Luncheon Seminar on Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at the 94th Aero Squadron Restaurant. Many elected officials attended the seminar such as Mayor Cindy Lerner, Village of Pinecrest and 1st Vice President of MDCLC, Assistant Mayor Joni Blachar, Village of Bal Harbour, Councilman Anthony De Filippo, City of North Miami Beach, Mayor Norman Edelcup, City of Sunny Isles Beach, Commissioner Wifredo “Willy” Gort, City of Miami and Former MDCLC President (1995), Mayor Connie Leon-Kreps, City of North Bay Village, Councilman James McDonald, Village of Pinecrest, Councilman Omarr Nickerson, Village of El Portal, Councilwoman Phillys Smith, City of North Miami Beach, Councilwoman Beth Spiegel, City of North Miami Beach and Mayor Robert Yaffe, Town of Bay Harbor Islands. Over 50 municipal attorneys, associate members and other city administrative personnel attended the seminar. It was a great success.



Darcee Siegel, Chair, City Attorney Advisory Committee and City Attorney, City of North Miami Beach gave a presentation on the MDCLC City Attorney Advisory committee. She informed the attendees what the advisory committee does and how the members can use the committee as a resource.

State Representative Carlos Trujillo, District 105 gave an overview of the 2012-2013 legislative session.

Robert Meyers, Director of programs for the St. Thomas University’s Center for Ethics and of counsel with the law firm of Weiss Serota Helfman Patoriza Cole and Boniske, P.L., provided the attendees with the new rules and regulations of the state ethics laws and their impact on local municipal officials and employees.

Joseph Centorino, Executive Director of the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics informed the guests on the current local ethics laws.

After the presentations there was a question and answer period that allowed everyone to participate. Members of the Florida Bar will receive CLER credits that have been applied for by the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics.