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Honorable Frank Artiles
Florida House of Representatives, District 118
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Dear Representative Artiles:

Thank you for your letter dated February 23, 2015, in which you asked for a legal opinion whether any six scenarios would violate the Miami-Dade County Human Rights Ordinance, which is codified at Chapter 11A of the Code of Miami-Dade County ("Human Rights Ordinance").

The Human Rights Ordinance was enacted to ensure that individuals in certain classes are protected from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations. The Human Rights Ordinance does not protect individuals who engage in criminal activity or who may have violated federal or state laws, nor does the Miami-Dade Commission on Human Rights ("Human Rights Commission"), which was established to enforce the Human Rights Ordinance, have jurisdiction over such matters.

To my knowledge, the Human Rights Commission has not been presented with any of the scenarios that you offer. As such, I am not in a position to offer an opinion as to whether any of the scenarios you present violate the Human Rights Ordinance.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any further questions.

County Attorney