

BUILDING ETHICS:

PALM BEACH COUNTY ETHICS AWARENESS DAY 2011

NOVEMBER 18, 2011

7:00 *Welcome*

7:15-7:45 *Overview presentations by the Executive Director of the Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics and the Palm Beach County Inspector General*

7:45-8:45 *Panel Introduction: Commission on Ethics and IG initiatives: a look forward*

MODERATOR: DAVID BAKER

David Baker, Shareholder – Alley Maass Rogers & Lindsey, P.A.

David Baker is a shareholder with the law firm of Alley, Mass, Rogers & Lindsey, P.A. and has extensive experience with financial institutions concentrating primarily in the areas of commercial and consumer lending, regulatory loan and deposit compliance and troubled loan workouts. Since 1978, he has served in a leadership capacity with the following organizations: Florida Easter Seal Society, Workforce Alliance, Leadership Palm Beach County, Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches, Economic Council of Palm Beach County, American Cancer Society, Rotary Club of West Palm Beach, Education Partnership, Palm Beach County Education and Government Programming Advisory Board, Forum Club of the Palm Beaches, Leadership West Palm Beach, and the City of West Palm Beach Audit Committee. Mr. Baker was the 2007 recipient of Leadership Palm Beach County's "Leadership Excellence Award" and was appointed to and served as the chairman of the Palm Beach County Ethics Ordinance Drafting Committee.

Mr. Baker earned a B.A. from Mississippi State University and his law degree from the University of Mississippi.

PANELISTS: ALAN S. JOHNSON, SHERYL STECKLER AND RON HARBISON

Alan S. Johnson, Executive Director – Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics

Prior to his selection as Executive Director, Alan Johnson was a 17 year state prosecutor for the 15th Judicial Circuit in Palm Beach County. As an Assistant State Attorney Mr. Johnson has tried numerous high profile felony cases and in 2001 became Chief of the Felony Division. In 2005 Mr. Johnson took over the role of Chief Assistant State Attorney until 2009 when he became Senior Counsel for a newly established State Attorney Public Integrity Unit. Mr. Johnson has also served in various capacities as a member and chairman of the Florida Bar Grievance Committee and the Unlicensed Practice of Law Committee as well as regularly serving as a volunteer youth court judge. Since 2000, Mr. Johnson has been a frequent instructor for the Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association in areas including ethics for prosecutors, victim rights, homicide prosecution, evidence and jury selection.

Mr. Johnson graduated from Columbia University in 1973 and obtained his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 1976.

Sheryl G. Steckler, Inspector General – Palm Beach County Office of Inspector General

Sheryl G. Steckler is the Inspector General for the Office of Inspector General (OIG), Palm Beach County (PBC). The Office opened its doors on June 28, 2010. The office consists of three units: Investigations, Audit, and Contract Oversight. Ms. Steckler's jurisdiction includes all elected and appointed county and municipal officials and employees, county and municipal agencies and instrumentalities, contractors, their subcontractors and lower tier subcontractors, and other parties doing business with the county or a municipality and/or receiving county or municipal funds. In total, there are 38 municipalities within PBC. The inspector general may also contract with outside entities deemed necessary to perform the functions of that office. Currently, the Solid Waste Authority has voluntarily contracted with the OIG for their services. The Health Care District, Children Services Council and the Housing Finance Authority of PBC are all currently in contract negotiations to voluntarily come under the OIG jurisdiction.

Ms. Steckler has worked in law enforcement and criminal justice related positions for over 26 years. Prior to her arrival in Palm Beach, she was the Inspector General for the State of Florida, Department of Children & Families since October 2002. She also spent 8 years as the Director for Pinellas County, Florida Consumer Protection which included Mediation, Criminal Investigations, and Regulatory Oversight. Ms. Steckler was also with the Florida Auditor General's office in Performance Auditing and Public Assistance Fraud for over 9 years. Ms. Steckler is currently a Certified Inspector General and Certified Inspector General Investigator and an Infragard member with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (Homeland Security). She is also a former certified law enforcement officer.

In her role as Inspector General at the Department of Children & Families, Ms. Steckler led the way for her office to become the first accredited Inspector General's office in the nation. Ms. Steckler holds a master's degree in Public Administration and a bachelor's degree in Criminology from Florida State University. She is currently an Executive Board member for the National Association of Inspectors General and former President for the Florida Chapter of the Association of Inspectors General. Ms. Steckler has held elected positions as President and Vice President of Conferences for the National Association of Consumer Agency Administrators and has also served as a member (appointed by the Florida Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services) of the Florida's Consumer Council.

Ron Harbison, Commissioner – Palm Beach County Commission on Ethics

Ron Harbison is the founder of Valuation Analysts, LLC; a business valuation and financial forensics firm, focusing on estate and gift, commercial litigation and family law. In addition, Mr. Harbison has provided forensic accounting services, been a consultant on mergers and acquisitions, and has served as an Agent for the United States Internal Revenue Service, where he conducted tax examinations of corporations, partnerships and high net worth individuals. He has also served as an Adjunct Professor of Accounting for Palm Beach Atlantic University and is currently the Chairman of the Ethics and Disciplinary Committee of the Institute of Business Appraisers.

Mr. Harbison graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Government/Pre-Law, and earned a Master of Science in Management/Accounting from Rollins College.