

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER NO. LTC # 080-2008

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO:

Mayor Matti Herrera Bower and Members of the City Commission

FROM:

Jorge M. Gonzalez, City Manager

DATE:

March 10, 2008

SUBJECT: Miami Beach Special Master Ms. Lisa Walsh

Miami Beach Special Master Ms. Lisa Walsh was recently appointed as a County Court Judge in Miami-Dade County and will no longer be serving as a Special Master.

Chief Special Master, Judge Mario P. Goderich, has appointed Judge Leonard Rivkind (Ret.) to replace Ms. Walsh.

Judge Rivkind brings to the Special Master Program over twenty years of respected judicial service. He has served as a Circuit Judge for the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida from 1975 through 1996 and was elected by his peers as Chief Judge from 1991 to 1995. Judge Rivkind is a graduate of the University Of Miami School Of Law with Juris Doctor, Magna Cum Laude, and Master of Laws degrees. He is a former Adjunct Professor in the Litigation Skills Program as the University Of Miami School Of Law. Judge Rivkind is certified as a Circuit Civil and Federal Mediator. As a well recognized jurist, professor and author, Judge Rivkind is especially suited to hear cases brought before the Special Master, and will serve this City with honor and distinction.

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C: Lisa Martinez, Clerk for the Special Master Cynthia Neves, Clerk for the Special Master CITY CLERK'S OFFICE