

1 Introduced by the Council Member Gay:  
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4 **RESOLUTION 2025-475**

5 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING A WRITTEN ADVISORY  
6 OPINION FROM THE FLORIDA COMMISSION ON ETHICS  
7 (THE "COMMISSION") PURSUANT TO RULE 34-6.004,  
8 *FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE*, AND SECTION  
9 112.322(3)(A), *FLORIDA STATUTES*, REGARDING THE  
10 APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER 112, PART III, *FLORIDA*  
11 *STATUTES* OR ANY OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO  
12 STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
13 ATTORNEYS AND PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES,  
14 REGARDING THE HIRING OF THE LAW FIRM OF GENERAL  
15 COUNSEL MICHAEL FACKLER'S FATHER-IN-LAW TO  
16 REPRESENT THE CONSOLIDATED CITY GOVERNMENT AND  
17 THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD; DIRECTING THE  
18 OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL TO PROVIDE A LEGAL  
19 MEMORANDUM PROVIDING RELEVANT FACTS AND LEGAL  
20 ANALYSIS; DIRECTING THE OFFICE OF GENERAL  
21 COUNSEL TO FORWARD A COPY OF THE RESOLUTION AND  
22 LEGAL MEMORANDUM TO THE COMMISSION; PROVIDING AN  
23 EFFECTIVE DATE.  
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25 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Jacksonville:

26 **Section 1. Request for a Written Advisory Opinion from the**  
27 **Florida Commission on Ethics.** The City Council hereby submits a  
28 request to the Florida Commission on Ethics (the "Commission"),  
29 pursuant to Section 112.322(3)(a), *Florida Statutes*, for a written  
30 advisory opinion regarding the applicability of Chapter 112, Part  
31 III, *Florida Statutes*, or any other statutory restrictions concerning

standards of conduct for local government attorneys and public officers and employees, or any other statutory restrictions, regarding General Counsel Michael Fackler hiring the law firm owned by his father-in-law for legal services directly rendered by his father-in-law for the Consolidated Government of the City of Jacksonville, including the Duval County School Board and the other Independent Agencies.

**Section 2. Directing the Office of General Counsel to Prepare a Legal Memorandum.** The Office of General Counsel is hereby directed to draft and attach a legal memorandum to this Resolution prior to the Council taking final action on this legislation, providing the relevant facts and background and any legal analysis the City would request the Commission consider in providing a written advisory opinion on the matter described above.

**Section 3. Direction to Forward the Resolution and Legal Memorandum to the Florida Commission on Ethics.** The Office of General Counsel is hereby directed to forward this request in the form of the enacted Resolution and the legal memorandum described in Section 2 to the Florida Commission on Ethics.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** Pursuant to Section 6.05(e) of the Charter, this Resolution shall become effective upon adoption by the Council.

Form Approved:

/s/ Mary E. Staffopoulos

Office of General Counsel

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