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The Center for Earth Jurisprudence presents the

Precautionary Principle Academy: Walking the Green Line

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Co-sponsored by Miami Dade College Earth Ethics Institute and Law Center, and the City of Miami, Office of Sustainable Initiatives

Miami Thursday, February 5, 2009, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.: **Reception (Finnegan's River)**
Friday, February 6, 2009, 8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.: **Academy** (Lunch provided)
Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus, 300 N.E. Second Ave.,
Building 3, Room 3210
Panel of local issues, featuring Richard Grosso, Esq., executive director and general counsel for the Everglades Law Center and professor of law at Nova University; Murray Greenburg, Esq., former Dade County Attorney

Fee: \$30 general public; \$80 attorneys seeking CLE credit.
Free for students and faculty of St. Thomas University, Barry University
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Orlando Monday, February 9, 2009, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.: **Reception (Orlando Museum of Art)**
Tuesday, February 10, 2009, 8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. **Academy** (Lunch provided)
Harry P. Leu Gardens, Camellia Room, 1920 N. Forest Ave., Orlando
Panel of local issues: Robert Guthrie, Esq., Senior Assistant County Attorney, Orange County; Anthony J. Cotter, Esquire, Shareholder, Gray Robinson, P.A. (confirmed); Linda W. Chapin, Director, The Metropolitan Center for Regional Studies (invited); Lori Cunniff, CEP, Manager, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (invited)

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