



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: A hearing is scheduled for Monday, November 5, 2007, for the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council to show cause why it should not be held in contempt regarding the fee dispute between lawyers for Brian Nichols and the Public Defender Standards Council (PDSC) in the matter, State v. Nichols, 2005SC29988.

WHEREAS: The Attorney General, because of a conflict, has declined representation of the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council in this matter; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Billy L. Spruell of Spruell, Taylor and Associates, P.C. has agreed to represent the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council, pro bono, in this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A § 45-15-70 AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That Mr. Billy Spruell is hereby appointed as Special Counsel to assume control and responsibility for the representation of the Georgia Public Defenders Standards Council in the contempt hearing related to the fee dispute between the counsel to Brian Nichols and the PDSC in the matter, State v. Nichols, 2005SC29988.

This 31ST day of October, 2007.


GOVERNOR