

THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS:

Attorneys for Brian Nichols have filed a complaint against the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council and Mack Crawford in his official capacity as Director of the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council, in a lawsuit styled *Brian Nichols v. Georgia Public Defender Standards Council*, et al., Civil Action Case No. 2008CV148277, Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS:

The Attorney General, because of a conflict, has declined representation of the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council and Mack Crawford in this case; and

WHEREAS:

Ms. Janet W. Hankins is Director of Complex Litigation for the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council and is familiar with the legal position of the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council.

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 Ms. Janet W. Hankins is hereby appointed as Special Counsel to assume control and responsibility for the representation of the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council and Mack Crawford in his official capacity as Director in all matters related to *Brian Nichols v. Georgia Public Defender Standards Council*, et al., Civil Action Case No. 2008CV148277.

This 12 day of June, 2008.

Sonny Perdue