



# THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

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BY THE GOVERNOR:

**WHEREAS:** Fulton County has filed an appeal in the matter of *State of Georgia v. Brian Gene Nichols*, Case Number 2005SC29988, relating to the issue of whether the trial court erred in ordering Fulton County to pay certain expenses in the defense of Mr. Brian Gene Nichols where the death penalty is being sought; and

**WHEREAS:** The Georgia Public Defender Standards Council is the Appellee in the above referenced appeal titled *Fulton County, Georgia, v. State of Georgia*, Supreme Court Case Number S07A1149; and

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

**WHEREAS:** Robert B. Remar and Thomas J. Mew, IV, of Rogers & Hardin LLP have represented the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council in this matter and will continue to do so pro bono on appeal.

**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 Robert B. Remar and Thomas J. Mew, IV, are hereby appointed as Special Counsel to represent the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council in all matters related to the appeal titled *Fulton County, Georgia, v. State of Georgia*, Supreme Court Case Number S07A1149.

This 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007.

  
GOVERNOR