**Attorney General Opinion Certification**

The Attorney General expects that any person submitting an opinion request adhere to the same duty of candor owed by counsel to tribunals. See Rule 4-3.3, Rules Regulating the Florida Bar. The undersigned, submitting an opinion request to the Attorney General, certifies the following [each statement must either be checked or marked N/A (“not applicable”)]:

1. ___ The person or entity requesting an opinion from the Attorney General is one of the officers enumerated in section 16.01(3), Florida Statutes, and is not a private individual or entity.

2. ___ An opinion request submitted by a collegial body, meaning a board, council, commission, etc., is being made on behalf of a majority of such body pursuant to a vote by the entire body, and a copy of the resolution, minutes, or transcript approving the opinion request are attached. If the collegial body is represented by counsel, a copy of the opinion of counsel is attached.

3. ___ An opinion request submitted by a member of the Florida Legislature is not being made on behalf of a private person or entity and a copy of the opinion request has been submitted to the presiding officer of the member’s chamber. The member has attempted to obtain an opinion of the general counsel of the member’s chamber on the issue and a copy of any written opinion is attached.

4. ___ The opinion request does not involve an issue or question pending before the courts in any matter known to the requesting party after conducting a reasonably diligent search.

5. ___ The opinion request relates to the official duties of the requesting party.

6. ___ The opinion request does not seek or require a determination of the constitutionality of an existing statute or ordinance.

7. ___ The opinion request does not require an interpretation of federal law.

8. ___ The opinion request does not require an interpretation solely of local codes, ordinances, or charters.

9. ___ The opinion request does not involve an issue or question that falls within the jurisdiction of another state agency, such as the Florida Commission on Ethics or the Division of Elections.

10. ____ The requesting party has determined that a declaratory statement from a state agency with jurisdiction over the applicable statutes would not adequately address the subject matter.

11. ___ Based upon a reasonably diligent search, the opinion request does not involve matters addressed in proposed legislation currently before the Florida Legislature.

12. ___ The opinion request does not involve an action that the official or agency has already taken or funds which have already been expended.
13. ___ Based upon a reasonably diligent search, there are no known pending disputes, proceedings, challenges, or litigation relating to the subject of the opinion request.

14. ___ The facts presented in the opinion request are true and correct to the best of the undersigned’s knowledge.

15. ___ All relevant and material facts known to the undersigned that might bear on the question or questions posed in the request have been included in the opinion request.

16. ___ All entities known to have an interest in the outcome of the opinion request have been disclosed.

17. ___ The opinion request includes a memorandum of law that contains an analysis of the issues, citations to relevant authorities, a statement of counsel’s opinion if the request is submitted by an attorney, any previous legal opinions provided to the entity requesting the opinion, and any documents or diagrams that would be helpful to the Attorney General in responding to the request.

Respectfully submitted,

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Requesting party      Counsel to requesting party
Name: ____________________    Name: ____________________
Florida Bar No. _____________