APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL AND REPORTER
TENN. CODE ANN. § 8-7-106(b)(4)

IN RE: CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS RELATIVE TO ALLEGATIONS OF VIOLATIONS OF STATE LAW AND THE KNOX COUNTY CHARTER ARISING OUT OF THE HANDLING OF KNOX COUNTY FUNDS WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE BRANCH OF KNOX COUNTY GOVERNMENT

I, Randall E. Nichols, District Attorney General for the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Tennessee, pursuant to the authority under Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-7-106(b)(4) and with the consent of Robert E. Cooper, Jr., Attorney General and Reporter for the State of Tennessee ("Attorney General"), do hereby appoint the Attorney General and his deputies and assistants to investigate all matters and conduct any proceedings pursuant to this section, relative to the handling and possible misuse of Knox County funds, possible conflicts of interest and possible official misconduct within the administrative branch of Knox County government in violation of the laws of Tennessee and/or the Knox County Charter. The investigation and any subsequent proceedings shall focus primarily on the use of grant funds and on audits of the mayor's hospitality funds, county purchasing card charges and expense reimbursements, and travel expenses. In appointing the Attorney General and his deputies and assistants, I hereby delegate to them all of the authority to conduct such investigations and to pursue any cases that I as District Attorney General would possess in conducting the same activities including, but not limited to, requesting investigative assistance from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, granting use and other immunity to potential witnesses, obtaining grand jury subpoenas to obtain documents and other evidence, signing of any indictments, and the full authority to decide on the disposition of any cases that may arise from the aforementioned investigation.

In addition, having recused my office from any of these matters in documents previously filed with the Knox County courts, I acknowledge that the Attorney General and Reporter will be handling any other matters, for which each of our offices have concurrent independent statutory authority, without the participation of the Office of the District Attorney General for the Sixth Judicial District.

In exercising the powers, duties and authority that are granted hereunder, the Attorney General is authorized to delegate such powers, duties and authority to one or more of his deputies and assistants as he deems necessary and appropriate.

This appointment is effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until revoked in writing by me or my designee.

RANDALL E. NICHOLS
DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF
TENNESSEE

Aug 11, 2008
DATE

ACCEPTED:

ROBERT E. COOPER, JR.
ATTORNEY GENERAL AND REPORTER

August 11, 2008
DATE