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**PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION**

Wellington Meffert, Esq.
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Re: Engagement as Counsel

Dear Mr. Meffert:

Thank you for retaining Holland & Knight LLP to represent the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (the "Corporation") with regard to its administration of the low-income housing tax credit (the "Tax Credit") program under section 42 ("Section 42") of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The engagement may involve responding to questions posed by the Corporation, normally by e-mail or telephone, the review of the Corporation's Qualified Allocation Plan and such other programmatic documents as you refer to us, and the provision of legal opinions on matters arising under Section 42. It will also include such additional duties as are specifically assigned to us by the Corporation. You will be the primary contact for the Corporation, and we will not accept assignments from other Corporation personnel, unless approved by you, either on specific occasion or generally in advance.

We look forward to serving your needs in this matter and to establishing a mutually satisfactory relationship.

The purpose of this letter is to confirm our engagement as counsel and to provide you certain information concerning our fees, billing and collection policies, and other terms that will govern our relationship. Attached to this letter are our firm's standard terms of engagement. Please review these and let me know if you have any questions concerning our policies. To the extent of any inconsistency between the attached standard terms of engagement and this letter, this letter controls.

As we have discussed, Holland & Knight LLP often represents participants in Tax Credit transactions and other matters which may come before the Corporation. This may, from time to time, raise conflicts issues for the firm and the Corporation. We will advise you of any such conflicts of which we become aware and seek appropriate clearances. However, as a general matter, I would request your acknowledgment that, should a potential conflict arise, the Corporation will be willing to provide a waiver on the assurance that I, personally, will be separated from the firm's participation in the applicable transaction (other than on the Corporation's side) by an ethics wall.

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Our fees will be based on time spent and will reflect the services of the people assigned to the matter. The hourly rates for the attorneys working on this matter are currently in the range of \$175 to \$650. I will be in charge of the matter, and my current hourly rate is \$650. We discount our hourly rates by 20% for regular State Agency clients, and that discount would apply in this instance. Moreover, we generally find, in assisting housing credit agencies, that our experience and familiarity with practice and rulings under Section 42 is such that our services can be provided highly efficiently. In addition to fees, we will expect reimbursement of our out-of-pocket expenses, such as copying, telephone calls and any travel which may be done on your behalf.

Statements for fees and reimbursements for expenses will be rendered on a periodic basis and will be due and payable upon receipt.

If the terms described above and in the attached terms of engagement are satisfactory, please so indicate by signing and returning the enclosed copy of this letter.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

By: 

Anthony S. Freedman

Enclosure

Approved and acknowledged as to conflicts matters this 5TH day of DECEMBER, 2006

FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

By: 

TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT

We appreciate your decision to retain Holland & Knight LLP as your legal counsel. This document explains how we work, our obligations to you, your obligations to us, what we will do on your behalf, and how our charges will be determined and billed. Experience has shown that an understanding of these matters will contribute to a better relationship between us, and that in turn makes our efforts more productive.

Our engagement and the services that we will provide to you are limited to the matter identified in the accompanying letter. Any changes in the scope of our representation as described in the letter must be approved in writing. We will provide services of a strictly legal nature related to the matters described in that letter. You will provide us with the factual information and materials we require to perform the services identified in the letter, and you will make such business or technical decisions and determinations as are appropriate. You will not rely on us for business, investment, or accounting decisions, or expect us to investigate the character or credit of persons or entities with whom you may be dealing, unless otherwise specified in the letter.

Confidentiality and Related Matters

Regarding the ethics of our profession that will govern our representation, several points deserve emphasis. As a matter of professional responsibility, we are required to preserve the confidences and secrets of our clients. This professional obligation and the legal privilege for attorney-client communications exist to encourage candid and complete communication between a client and his lawyer. We can perform truly beneficial services for a client only if we are aware of all information that might be relevant to our representation. Consequently, we trust that our attorney-client relationship with you will be based on mutual confidence and unrestrained communication that will facilitate our proper representation of you. Additionally, you should be aware that, in instances in which we represent a corporation or other entity, our client relationship is with the entity and not with its individual executives, shareholders, directors, partners, or persons in similar positions, or with its parent, subsidiaries, or other affiliates. In those cases, our professional responsibilities are owed only to that entity, alone, and no conflict of interest will be asserted by you because we represent persons with respect to interests that are adverse to individual persons or business organizations who have a relationship with you. Of course, we can also represent individual executives, shareholders, partners, and other persons related to the entity in matters that do not conflict with the interests of the entity, but any such representation will be the subject of a separate engagement letter. Similarly, when we represent a party on an insured claim, we represent the insured, not the insurer, even though we may be approved, selected, or paid by the insurer.

Fees and Billing

We encourage flexibility in determining billing arrangements. For example, we often agree with our clients to perform services on a fixed-fee or other basis that we and the client believe will encourage efficiency and reflect the value of our services in relation to a particular objective.

If you and we have agreed on a fixed fee arrangement, you agree that our fees will not be limited to the fixed amount if you fail to make a complete and accurate disclosure of information that we have requested and that we reasonably require for our work, or if you materially change the terms, conditions, scope, or nature of the work, as described by you when we determined the fixed amount, or as compared with the work normally and customarily involved in similar

engagements. If any of these events occurs, you agree that our fees will be based upon the other factors described below, unless you and we agree on a revised fixed fee.

If the accompanying letter does not provide for a fixed fee, or if we do not otherwise confirm to you in writing a fee arrangement, our fees for services will be determined as described in the following paragraphs.

When establishing fees for services that we render, we are guided primarily by the time and labor required, although we also consider other appropriate factors, such as the novelty and difficulty of the legal issues involved; the legal skill required to perform the particular assignment; time-saving use of resources (including research, analysis, data and documentation) that we have previously developed and stored electronically or otherwise in quickly retrievable form; the fee customarily charged by comparable firms for similar legal services; the amount of money involved or at risk and the results obtained; and the time constraints imposed by either the client or the circumstances. The firm generally requires a retainer in an amount that is appropriate with respect to the proposed representation. Unless otherwise agreed, the retainer will be applied to the last statement rendered in connection with the representation, with any unused portion being returned to the client.

In determining a reasonable fee for the time and labor required for a particular matter, we consider the ability, experience, and reputation of the lawyer or lawyers in our firm who perform the services. To facilitate this determination, we internally assign to each lawyer an hourly rate based on these factors.

Of course, our internal hourly rates change periodically to account for increases in our cost of delivering legal service, other economic factors, and the augmentation of a particular lawyer's ability, experience, and reputation. Any such changes in hourly rates are applied prospectively, as well as to unbilled time previously expended. We record and bill our time in one-tenth hour (six minute) increments; however, the minimum time that is normally billed for the total of an individual lawyer's activities on a matter in a single day is three-tenths of an hour.

When selecting lawyers to perform services for you, we generally seek to assign lawyers having the lowest hourly rates consistent with the skills, time demands, and other factors influencing the professional responsibility involved in each matter. That does not mean that we will always assign a lawyer with a lower hourly rate than other lawyers. As circumstances require, the services of lawyers in the firm with special skills or experience may be sought when that will either (a) reduce the legal expense to you, (b) provide a specialized legal skill needed, or (c) help move the matter forward more quickly. Also, to encourage the use of such lawyers in situations where their services can provide a significant benefit that is disproportionate to the time devoted to the matter, we may not bill for their services on an hourly rate basis but, if you agree in advance, we will adjust the fee on an "added value" basis at the conclusion of the matter if and to the extent their services contribute to a favorable result for you.

Out-of-Pocket Expenses. In addition to legal fees, our statements will include out-of-pocket expenses that we have advanced on your behalf and our internal charges (which may exceed direct costs and allocated overhead expenses) for certain support activities. Alternatively, the firm may charge for such internal charges as a percentage of the fees charged. Advanced

expenses generally will include such items as travel, postage, filing, recording, certification, and registration fees charged by governmental bodies. Our internal charges typically include such items as toll calls, facsimile transmissions, overnight courier services, certain charges for terminal time for computer research and complex document production, and charges for photocopying materials sent to the client or third parties or required for our use. We may request an advance cost deposit (in addition to the advance fee deposit) when we expect that we will be required to incur substantial costs on behalf of the client.

During the course of our representation, it may be appropriate to hire third parties to provide services on your behalf. These services may include such things as consulting or testifying experts, investigators, providers of computerized litigation support, and court reporters. Because of the legal "work product" protection afforded to services that an attorney requests from third parties, in certain situations our firm may assume responsibility for retaining the appropriate service providers. Even if we do so, however, you will be responsible for paying all fees and expenses directly to the service providers or reimbursing us for these expenses.

Holland & Knight LLP has established and is the sole owner of Holland & Knight Consulting LLC which, in turn, is a partial owner of Corporate Integrity Services LLC ("CIS"), a limited liability company created to provide professional investigative services. If it is necessary or appropriate to hire investigators on your behalf, Holland & Knight LLP may retain CIS unless you direct otherwise. You may at any time review CIS's rates and compare them with the rates charged by other investigative entities.

The firm attempts to achieve efficiencies and savings for its clients when dealing with independent contractors. The firm may be able to obtain a reduced charge from the contractor if the firm provides certain functions, such as billing, collection, equipment, space, facilities, or clerical help. For these administrative and coordination services, the firm may charge an administrative fee, which will be separately disclosed to you.

Billing. We bill periodically throughout the engagement for a particular matter, and our periodic statements are due when rendered. If our fees are based primarily on the amount of our time devoted to the matter, our statements will be rendered monthly. In instances in which we represent more than one person with respect to a matter, each person that we represent is jointly and severally liable for our fees and expenses with respect to the representation. Our statements contain a concise summary of each matter for which legal services are rendered and a fee is charged.

If our statements are not paid in a timely manner, we reserve the right to discontinue services. Additionally, if our statement has not been paid within 30 days from the date of the statement, we impose an interest charge of 1.25 percent per month (a 15 percent annual percentage rate) from the 30th day after the date of the statement until it is paid in full. Interest charges apply to specific monthly statements on an individual statement basis. Any payments made on past due statements are applied first to the oldest outstanding statement. We are entitled to attorneys' fees and expenses if collection activities are necessary.

Questions About Our Bills. We invite you to discuss freely with us any questions that you have concerning a fee charged for any matter. We want our clients to be satisfied with both the quality

of our services and the reasonableness of the fees that we charge for those services. We will attempt to provide as much billing information as you require and in such customary form that you desire, and are willing to discuss with you any of the various billing formats we have available that best suits your needs.

Relationships with Other Clients

Because we are a large, full-service law firm with offices located in various cities we may be (and often are) asked to represent a client with respect to interests that are adverse to those of another client who is represented by the firm in connection with another matter. Just as you would not wish to be prevented in an appropriate situation from retaining a law firm that competes with Holland & Knight LLP, our firm wishes to be able to consider the representation of other persons who may be competitors in your industry or who may have interests that are potentially adverse to yours, but with respect to matters that are unrelated in any way to our representation of you. The ethics that govern us permit us to accept such multiple representations, assuming certain requirements are met.

During the term of this engagement, we agree that we will not accept representation of another client to pursue interests that are directly adverse to your interests unless and until we make full disclosure to you of all the relevant facts, circumstances, and implications of our undertaking the two representations, and confirm to you in good faith that we have done so and that the following criteria are met: (i) there is no substantial relationship between any matter in which we are representing or have represented you and the matter for the other client; (ii) any confidential information that we have received from you will not be available to the lawyers and other Holland & Knight LLP personnel involved in the representation of the other client; (iii) our effective representation of you and the discharge of our professional responsibilities to you will not be prejudiced by our representation of the other client; and (iv) the other client has also consented in writing based on our full disclosure of the relevant facts, circumstances, and implications of our undertaking the two representations. If the foregoing conditions are satisfied, you agree that we may undertake the adverse representation and that all conflict issues will be deemed to have been resolved or waived by you.

By making this agreement, we are establishing the criteria that will govern the exercise of your right under applicable ethical rules to object to our representation of another client whose interests are adverse to yours. If you contest in good faith the facts underlying our confirmation to you that the specified criteria have been met, then we will have the burden of reasonably supporting those facts.

Termination

Upon completion of the matter to which this representation applies, or upon earlier termination of our relationship, the attorney-client relationship will end unless you and we have expressly agreed to a continuation with respect to other matters. We hope, of course, that such a continuation will be the case. The representation is terminable at will by either of us. The termination of the representation will not terminate your obligation to pay fees and expenses incurred prior to the termination.

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Your agreement to this engagement constitutes your acceptance of the foregoing terms and conditions. If any of them is unacceptable to you, please advise us now so that we can resolve any differences and proceed with a clear, complete, and consistent understanding of our relationship.

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