IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

THE FLORIDA BAR, IN RE: PETITION TO AMEND THE RULES REGULATING THE FLORIDA BAR -- 1-3.7; 3-5.1(G); 3-5.2; 14-1.1

AND CHAPTER 15.

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OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

REGARDING PROPOSED CHAPTER 15 (Authorized House Counsel)

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COMES NOW the Florida Department of Commerce, by and through house counsel, and states that rather than unnecessarily burden this Court with a separate brief in this matter, it has read, and joins in and endorses the brief submitted on behalf of CSX and UTC in this matter, particularly Section II, thereof.

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

The Florida Department of Commerce is an agency created by the Legislature in the executive branch of state government consisting of two divisions, tourism and economic development. Its economic development mission as set forth in section 288.03, Florida Statutes is extensive. Generally the department is charged with all responsibilities for economic development in Florida. Specifically, one of the active areas of involvement by the department is in the inducement of major corporations to relocate home or regional offices in the state because of the economic stability such offices provide to the state economy. In the last ten years, approximately one billion dollars has been invested in the state by the establishment of national corporation home offices.

Competition with other states or regions for corporate headquarters is intense and all factors are taken into account by the courted corporation. Any restrictions such as the proposed house counsel rule becomes one more barrier faced by the department in the promotion of Florida to national corporations.

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As a result, absent a clear and concise showing of real, rather than imagined, injury to Florida citizens the Florida Department of Commerce believes that its Legislative mandated mission and the financial well being the citizens of this state will be adversely affected by the adoption of proposed Chapter 15.

DATED THIS 18 DAY OF APRIL, 1990

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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