



REPRESENTING  
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TO: Florida Continuing Education and Pre-Licensing Providers

FROM: Bureau of Licensing, Division of Agent & Agency Services  
Florida Department of Financial Services

SUBJECT: Education Information Notice # 3  
*Information regarding the prohibited use of the Great Seal of Florida*

Authority: Section [15.03\(3\)](#), F.S. and Rule [1-2.0021\(1\)](#), F.A.C.

DATE: March 15, 2010

Providers for pre-licensure and continuing education courses approved by the State of Florida are prohibited from using the Great Seal of the State of Florida pursuant to Section [15.03\(3\)](#), Florida Statutes and Rule [1-2.0021\(1\)](#), Florida Administrative Code.

The use, display, reproduction, or other employment of the image of the Great Seal of the State of Florida in course provider materials, marketing materials, advertisements, or websites without the written approval of the Florida Department of State is prohibited by the Florida Statutes and the Florida Administrative Code. Section 15.03(3), Florida Statutes, and Rule 1-2.0021(1), F.A.C., provide that no person may manufacture, use, display, or otherwise employ any facsimile or reproduction of the Great Seal of the State of Florida without express written approval of the Florida Department of State. Any person violating Section 15.03(3), Florida Statutes, is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree. Procedures for applying to the Florida Department of State for a letter of authority to use, display, or otherwise employ the Great Seal of the State of Florida are detailed in [Rule 1-2.0021, F.A.C.](#)

Unauthorized use of the Great Seal of the State of Florida may result in administrative action against providers who violate this statute and administrative code.

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