

July 24, 2008

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER MEMORANDUM NO. 02 (2008-09)

SUBJECT: PAYMENT FOR BAR DUES

This memorandum supersedes Chief Financial Officer's Memorandum No. 02 (1998-99).

Each state agency may, at the discretion of the agency head, expend funds for bar dues and for legal education courses for attorneys employed by the state as legal staff, pursuant to Section 8 (3)(a) 4 of the 2008-09 General Appropriations Act, Chapter 2008-152, Laws of Florida. Attorneys are defined as individuals employed by the State of Florida as a general counsel, deputy general counsel, assistant general counsel, or attorney performing work as legal staff.

Payment for bar dues is limited to The Florida Bar basic annual dues found under the membership fees section of the annual membership form. Payment will not be made for:

- Section or division dues
- Local bar dues
- Bar dues applicable to another state or jurisdiction unless the agency can demonstrate that the legal staff's membership is essential to the performance of his or her duties
- Attorneys holding state positions other than general counsel, deputy general counsel, assistant general counsel legal staff.

Payment must be made in the fiscal year that the membership will be in effect and from funds appropriated for that particular fiscal year. For example, if the membership period is for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, the payment must be from funds appropriated for fiscal year 2008-2009.

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