PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 3515 as passed by the Eighty-first Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 3515 would criminally punish a lawyer who had not committed barratry for the barratry committed by another person, and would, therefore, make a lawyer not engaged in criminal conduct subject to criminal penalties because of the criminal conduct of others. House Bill No. 3515 would also require lawyers to report to the State Bar of Texas persons who are not subject to the State Bar's jurisdiction. Stopping barratry is good public policy for Texas, but House Bill No. 3515 would be an ineffective means of combating this offense.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 19th day of June, 2009.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

Cory Shorter, III
Deputy Secretary of State

Filed in the Office of the Secretary of State
2 P.M. O'Clock
Jun 19, 2009