

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 06-143

WHEREAS, the Honorable BERNIE McCABE, State Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has advised Governor Jeb Bush that Thomas Koskinas is under investigation for allegations of domestic battery, a violation of the criminal laws of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable BERNIE McCABE has further advised the Governor that Thomas Koskinas is an employee of the state attorney's office; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable BERNIE McCABE, to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest or impropriety, has voluntarily disqualified himself and has requested the executive assignment of another State Attorney with respect to this case and all matters connected therewith; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable MARK A. OBER, State Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, has agreed to accept an executive assignment in this matter; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the State of Florida and of the ends of justice that the Honorable MARK A. OBER be assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable BERNIE McCABE, pursuant to Section 27.14, Florida Statutes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JEB BUSH, Governor of Florida, in obedience to my solemn constitutional duty to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed," and pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, do hereby promulgate the following Executive Order, effective immediately:

Section 1.

The Honorable MARK A. OBER, State Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "Assigned State Attorney," is hereby assigned to discharge the duties of the Honorable BERNIE McCABE, State Attorney for the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida, as they relate to the representation of the State of Florida in all matters pending or filed against Thomas Koskinas.

Section 2.

The Assigned State Attorney or one or more Assistant State Attorneys and Investigators that have been designated by the Assigned State Attorney shall proceed forthwith to the Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida, and are hereby vested with the authority to perform the duties prescribed herein.

Section 3.

All residents of the Sixth Judicial Circuit are requested and all public officials are directed to cooperate and render whatever assistance is necessary to the Assigned State Attorney, to the end that justice may be served.

Section 4.

The period of this Executive Assignment shall be for one (1) year, to and including June 21, 2007.

Section 5.

The Assigned State Attorney shall notify the Governor on or before May 21, 2007, if additional time is required.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 21st day of June, 2006.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE