



## STATE OF FLORIDA

**BILL McCOLLUM**  
**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

July 8, 2008

Mr. John G. White, III  
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250 Australian Avenue South, Suite 1504  
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Dear Mr. White:

It has come to the attention of the Department of Legal Affairs that there is some question about whether attorneys providing legal counsel to homeowners facing foreclosure, most particularly when such persons are in bankruptcy, are subject to the provisions of the Foreclosure Rescue Act, Section 501.1377, Florida Statutes (2008) effective October 1, 2008. In order to ensure that the attorney/client relationship is not adversely affected by this new provision, the Office of the Florida Attorney General, Department of Legal Affairs, provides as follows:

Pursuant to its authority under Section 501.1377(2)(b)2, Florida Statutes (2008), the Office of the Florida Attorney General, Department of Legal Affairs, hereby approves for exclusion from the definition in this provision of a foreclosure rescue consultant, a person licensed to practice law in this state, when such person provides legal representation to a client with respect to a foreclosure.

Please disseminate this information to members of the Florida Bar by any method you deem appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill McCollum".

Bill McCollum

cc: Jack Harkness, Executive Director, The Florida Bar