AN ORDINANCE **02-O-0858**

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AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VII, DIVISION 2 STANDARDS OF CONDUCT TO AMEND SECTION 2-809 REPRESENTING PRIVATE INTEREST BEFORE COURTS

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS as follows:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, Article VII, Division 2, Section 2-809 of the Code of Ordinances currently reads as follows:

Sec.2-809. Representing private interest before courts

No official or employee shall represent any person or private interest in any action or proceeding in conflict with the interests of the city, in any litigation in which the city or any agency of the city is involved or is a party, or any action or proceeding in the municipal courts and traffic courts of the city involving any charges or violations in which the complainant is the city or any agency of the city or any official or employee thereof pertaining to the official's or employee's official duties. However, this section shall not restrict or prohibit any official or employee who is an attorney at law from appearing or participating as an attorney in the representation of a client in any action or proceeding in the municipal courts of the city involving any charges or violations which are punishable as misdemeanors or felonies and which subject the offender to being bound over by the municipal court judge to the courts of a county having jurisdiction of charges or violations or in any action or proceeding in the traffic courts of the city involving any charges or violations which are offenses against the laws of the state rather than ordinances of the city.

This section shall be amended to read as follows:

No official or employee shall represent any person or private interest in any action or proceeding in conflict with the interests of the city, in any litigation in which the city or any agency of the city is involved or is a party, or any action or proceeding in the municipal courts and traffic courts of the city involving any charges or violations in which the complainant is the city or any agency of the city or any official or employee thereof pertaining to the official's or employee's official duties. However, this section shall not restrict or prohibit any official or employee who is an attorney at law from appearing or participating as an attorney in the representation of a client in any action or proceeding in the municipal courts ***or the City Courts of Atlanta.***

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances that are in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.