## STATEMENT OF JOE L. HUBBARD

In September of 2013, I was hired to file a lawsuit on behalf of a security company to overturn the award of a state contract for security services at the Alabama State House. The action was filed naming DSI Security Services as defendant. The allegations of the complaint were based on a sworn affidavit I was provided by an employee of my client, who worked on the State House security team. Based on that affidavit, my complaint alleged, among other things, that the security contract was awarded in violation of Ala. Code, 1975, § 41-16-31, which provides that no employee of the awarding agency may have a "personal beneficial interest" in the company to which the contract is awarded. Based on the sworn affidavit, I believed that the Speaker of the House had a "personal beneficial interest" in DSI, which would have voided the contract under Alabama Public Bid laws. After I filed the lawsuit, DSI's in-house counsel informed me that no such relationship existed and requested that I amend the complaint. However, because I lacked the documentation to verify the absence of such a relationship, I did not amend the complaint. At a subsequent hearing, it became apparent to me that DSI had no improper relationship with the Speaker. I regret that this lawsuit may have called into question the ethical standards of DSI in any way, and that it may have been construed by some to suggest that DSI had been party to illegal or improper conduct. DSI Security Services won the contract in a fair, open, and honest way, and they have provided exceptional service to the members of the Alabama Legislature and the citizens of Alabama who visit the State House. DSI recently celebrated 45 years of business and is an Alabama success story. I look forward to their continued service to the State of Alabama.

JOE L. HUBBARD

STATE OF ALABAMA)
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY)

SWORN TO and SUBSCRIBED before me, this the 26 th day of August, 2014.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF ALABAMA AT LARGE MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: May 26, 2015