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"You cannot submit to evil without allowing evil to grow. Each time the good are defeated, or each time they yield, they only cause the forces of evil to grow stronger. Greed feeds on greed, and crime grows with success. Our giving up what is ours merely to escape trouble would only create greater trouble for someone else." -- Louis Lamour, *A Man Called Noon*, Bantam, page 173.

August 21, 2009

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Dear Ms. Campbell:

Thank you for your August 17 letter giving us the names of the AG's war on meth and consumer protection staffers, and your good wishes that your referrals will be helpful.

However, we were disappointed that you did not respond to the truly significant request we made concerning the lawfulness of the Attorney General's stance on the Department of Licensing.

In previous correspondence, you gave us to understand that no matter what the Department of Licensing does, no matter how egregiously it violates state law and its own charter, the Attorney General will defend it "in the event of legal challenges to its actions." We expressed puzzlement, given RCW 18.85.040, which states:

Director — General powers and duties. (Effective until July 1, 2010.)

(2) The director shall enforce all laws, rules, and regulations relating to the licensing of real estate brokers, associate real estate brokers, and salespersons, grant or deny licenses to real estate brokers, associate real estate brokers, and salespersons, and hold hearings.

We noted that RCW 18.85.040 states "[T]he director **shall** enforce all laws, rules, and regulations" Nothing in this language gives the DOL the option to ignore the laws, rules, and regulations. Yet in your July 24 letter you stated:

"My role is to give the Department option-based advice, but any advice I give my client is subject to the attorney-client privilege."

Please cite the section of the Revised Code of Washington that gives the director of DOL the option to ignore laws, rules, and regulations. If some legal precedent has given the Director of DOL the option to ignore laws, rules, and regulations, please give us that cite, too.

Sincerely,

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