IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

IN RE:

VIRGIL DARNELL HAWKINS

CASE NO. 72,240

REPLY OF THE FLORIDA BAR TO PETITION FOR READMISSION OF VIRGIL DARNELL HAWKINS TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE FLORIDA BAR MAY 24 1988

CLERK, SUPREME COURT

COMES NOW THE FLORIDA BAR, through its executive director pursuant to former Florida Bar Integration Rule, article XI, Rule 11.11, and replies to the petition for readmission (sic) of Virgil Darnell Hawkins to membership in The Florida Bar and says:

- 1. This reply is provided at the request of the court.
- 2. With respect to the petition for readmission (sic) of Virgil Darnell Hawkins, The Florida Bar does not find this matter to be within the Integration Rule (now Rules Regulating The Florida Bar) or Bylaws of The Florida Bar. Those rules govern the conduct of persons practicing law and seeking to practice law in Florida and do not provide for the status of membership for deceased persons.
- 3. The Florida Bar finds that special recognition of the unique contributions of Virgil Darnell Hawkins in opening the practice of law in Florida to persons of all races is quite appropriate and timely.
- 4. His posthumous reinstatement as a member of The Florida Bar is an appropriate means of recognition and The Florida Bar supports the granting of such relief and such other relief or recognition as the court deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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