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Sid J. White, Clerk, The Supreme Court of Florida Supreme Court Building Tallahassee, Fl., 32301

> In re: The Bar Foundation's Supreme Court Pethtion to require all Florida lawyers to participate in the Interest on Trust Accounts program

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Dear Mr. White:

I would like to go on record as opposing the above styled Petition. Attorneys are supposed to be advisors to others., Rule of Professional Conduct 4-2.1. How can lawyers be TRUSTED to advise others if they cannot even have the freedom to decide if Interest on their Accounts should go to the Bar Foundation?

Suppose an Attorney would rather the Bank not pay interest in recognition of the other services of the Bank and in recognition that a Bank Services a lot of accounts with low balances and loses money on these accounts because of the extraordinary Service it offers. I think the Attorney should evaluate the choices and not be forced to establish an IOTA account when he receives Services from the Bank that requires him in all justice not to demand interest on short term deposits.

Sincerely,

Bertram Shapero