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AMENDMENT OF RULES REGULATING
THE FLORIDA BAR 1-3.1 (a) AND
RULES OF JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION
-2.065 (LEGAL AID)

Case No. 74,538

RESPONSE OF MICHAEL H. DAVIDSON
TO PROPOSED PRO BONO RULES BY
FLORIDA BAR/FLORIDA BAR FOUNDATION
JOINT COMMISSION ON DELIVERY OF
LEGAL SERVICES TO THE INDIGENT
IN FLORIDA

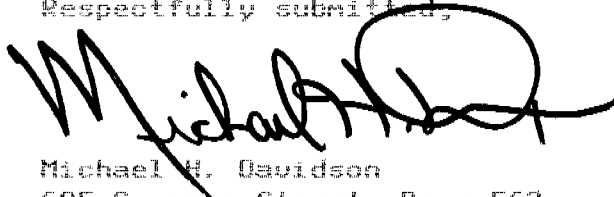
if the current proposal were before this Court as an advertisement, this Court would find that it violates every tenent of the concepts of truth in advertising. Were it a loan under review, it would not pass muster under the truth in lending concepts so popular with the courts. So why does this intellectually dishonest proposition seem likely to go through? Because it brings about the result favored by the Court and the guilt-filled, large firm lawyers who are its most ardent advocates, that's why. With this Court's approval, mandatory pro bono is here. I publicly predicted that result over two years ago at a public hearing in Ft. Lauderdale, only to be told that I was overreacting and that NOBODY wanted mandatory pro bono. So much for the promises of bar politicians! So much for relying on the the Court to safeguard individual liberties!

No doubt, the mandatory reporting requirement, itself, will come in the form of a statement akin to the present IOTR

certification. That way, anyone who fails to certify or certifies incorrectly can be disciplined by the politically correct powers that be.

If the Court cares to add its imprimatur to this proposal, it should, as Justices Kogan and Barkett have done, announce the arrival of mandatory pro bono and be done with it. At least such a response faces the issue four-square and does not indulge in the Elders of Chelm sophistry now before the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael H. Davidson". The signature is stylized with a large, circular flourish at the end.

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