LAW OFFICES EARLE & PATCHEN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OPREME COURT CLERK. 1000 BRICKELL AVENUE . SUITE III2 MIAMI, FLORIDA 33131 Chief Beputy WILLIAM G. EARLE . TELEPHONE (305) 374-1112 BRIAN P. PATCHEN FAX (305) 372 - 369 \* BOARD CERTIFIED CIVIL TRIAL LAWYER May 30, 1991 77.623 To: The Honorable Justices of the Supreme Court of Florida:

Please add my name to the chorus of Dade County lawyers who adamantly oppose the creation of a Family Court Division in Dade County.

My personal experiences and those of many, many other lawyers in the "snake pit", as we aptly described the former Family Court Division before it was deservedly abolished, has convinced me beyond any doubt that reestablishing such a Court in Dade County would injure the Bench, the Bar and the public. Please do not allow this mistake to be repeated.

Brian F. Patcher

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