

personal beliefs insofar as they have been interpreted to suggest that he harbors any racial bias or prejudice.

3. As to the allegations of paragraph 3, Judge Santora agrees that on January 2, 1992, he publicly apologized for any offense taken from the remarks attributed to him. He stands by that apology. He also continues to state that he does not harbor any racial bias or prejudice.

4. As to the allegations of paragraph 4, Judge Santora states that he was elected to be Chief Judge in 1985 and has been reelected three (3) successive times. He states further that the Judges of his Circuit, who well know his true feelings and outlook, have seen fit to retain him as Chief Judge. He says, additionally, that petitioners have filed no request with the Circuit Court for his removal.

5. As to the allegations of paragraph 5, Judge Santora denies that he has violated Canons 2, 4 and 5 of the Code of Judicial Conduct.

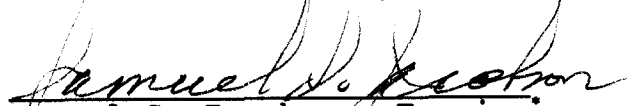
6. As to the allegations of paragraph 6, Judge Santora agrees that judicial integrity and impartiality is essential to proper functioning of the judicial system. He affirmatively says he has been true to that responsibility in all performance of his official duties.

7. The allegations of paragraphs 7 and 8 are denied.

WHEREFORE, Judge Santora says that the Petition filed against him should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify a copy of the foregoing has been furnished to William D. Brinton, Esquire, 3200 Independent Square, Jacksonville, FL 32202, by hand delivery this 16th day of January, 1992.


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Many lawyers, including lawyers outside the Fourth Circuit, have volunteered to appear as counsel for Judge Santora as a show of their support. Judge Santora, however, wants this motion to be decided on the merits and wants to avoid having lawyers take sides in a de facto referendum for or against him. He accordingly will have only one lawyer of record.