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THE FLORIDA BAR RE:
PETITION TO AMEND RULES
REGULATING THE FLORIDA BAR
(ANTI-DISCRIMINATION RULE)

CASE NO. 81,010

RESPONSE OF ROBERT J. BERTRAND

The Respondent, ROBERT J. BERTRAND, a PRO SE litigant, files this response pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure and Article I, Section 21 of the Florida Constitution (1980), hereby submits this response to the Joint Petition To Amend Rules Regulating the Florida Bar (Anti-Discrimination Rule) as follows:

1. The Respondent, ROBERT J. BERTAND, files this document in support of the Florida Bar's provision requiring an independent agency non affiliated with the Bar, to make a prior finding of improper discrimination practices. The Petition amending Rule 4-8.4(d), and Rule 4.8.7, Rules Regulating the Florida Bar, is a leap in the right direction to protect our system of jurisprudence.
2. The Respondent, ROBERT J. BERTRAND, has personal knowledge of discrimination by our elected public officials and other Florida Bar members. It is refreshing to learn of a petition that may assist in preventing the decline of our courts and the integrity of our legal system.
3. The Respondent, ROBERT J. BERTRAND, states that even before notoriety of the "operation court broom" proceedings, the State judicial officers have engaged in undermining our trust.

Inasmuch as the discrimination practices against man and woman have become apparent, the discriminative practices against unrepresented pro se litigants has the same effect.

4. The Petition to amend Rule 4-8.4(d), should be amended to include the label or designation of "pro se", before litigants i.e. (pro se litigants).

5. In addition, that the Honorable Supreme Court and the other supporters of the Florida Bar, support the Petition to amend the Rules and add the following modifications to the Petition as follows:

(1) Under RULE 4-8.4 MISCONDUCT, beginning with A lawyer shall not: Add the title of "pro se" before the word litigants.

(2) Under the comments of the same rule, Add "pro se" before the title litigants.

(3) Under subdivision (d): Add the title "pro se" before the title litigants.

6. The following amendment to the Petition will be similar to the above said.

(1) Under RULE 4-8.7 DISCRIMINATION, Add the text "independent" before the word agency.

(2) Under the comment, Add "independent" in every paragraph with the word agency.

7. The Respondent, ROBERT J. BERTRAND, respectfully reserves the right to file additional comments in support of the Florida Bar's amendment.

8. The Respondent, ROBERT J. BERTRAND, requests an Oral Argument for the Petition amending the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that a true and correct copy was furnished by regular U.S. Mail to Mr. John F. Harkness, Jr., and Mr. John Boggs of the Florida Bar, located at 650 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-2300, on the 2nd day of February 1993.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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