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The Honorable Sid J. White
Clerk of the Supreme Court of Florida
Supreme Court Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: Case No. 81,685
Changes to the Code of Judicial Conduct

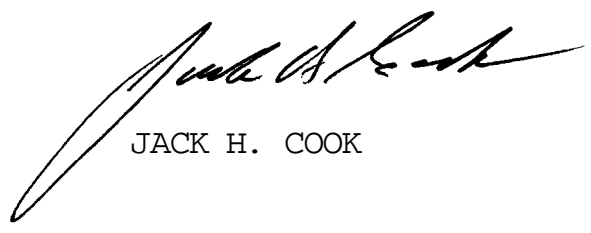
Dear Mr. White:

I am submitting these comments in response to the request for them which appeared in the June 1, 1993 Florida Bar News. In my opinion the proposed Canon 3B(5) should be amended to include the following language:

"This section does not preclude the consideration of race, sex, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, social economic status or other similar factors when they are issues in the proceeding."

The addition of this language would bring it into conformity with the proposed language in Section 3B(6). If the enumerated factors are issues in the proceeding and subject to comment by the attorneys, then ~~the~~ presiding judge must not be precluded from considering and commenting on those factors in an order or judgment.

Respectfully submitted,



JACK H. COOK

JHC/jl