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The Honorable Rosemary Barkett
Chief Justice
Supreme Court of Florida
500 Duval Street
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**RE: Senior Judges Acting as Mediators
for Pay and as Acting Circuit Judges**

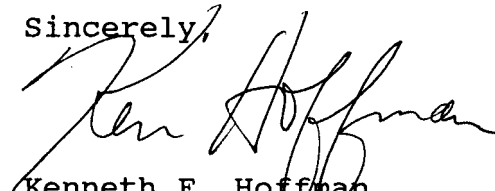
Dear Chief Justice Barkett:

This is to let you know that as a mediator in Florida, and a trial attorney with 24 years experience, I support your change in policy to prohibit senior judges from serving on temporary assignment if they also act as mediators for pay.

I agree that in order to market services as a mediator, a lawyer must seek approval of plaintiffs and defendants attorneys, and to have that same mediator sitting as a circuit judge deciding cases brought before him or her by the very lawyers who he seeks to obtain payment for his service from strikes me as being a conflict of interest and is much more than "an appearance!! of impropriety.

Please go forward to changing the court policy so that such behavior would be prohibited.

Sincerely,


Kenneth F. Hoffman