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CLERK, SUPREME COURT
By

Chief Deputy Clerk

Hon. Justices of
The Supreme Court
of Florida

84,390

Your Honors:

Re: Proposed addition to
Rule 4-8.4(h)

I am a retired member of
The Florida Bar, having been admitted in 1934.

The Florida Bar News carries an
article on the subject, and states that the Court
seeks comments on the rule relating to
failure of lawyers to pay child support.

I strongly urge the adoption of the
proposed addition to the rule. It is sorely
and urgently needed. Tens of thousands
of children need the financial help of
divorced parents who are ordered to pay
child support, and many of whom do not
conform. The children suffer.

Be tough on the "deadbeats"; I urge you.

The usual plea is that "I just don't have it,
Judge"; or "Business is bad now, and I'll catch
up", etc., etc. A delinquent Dad who has
remarried should be shown little, if any, pity.
Nor should one who belongs to a golf club
or has a boat, airplane, etc.

The Rule, if passed, will do a great deal to
help needy children.

Sincerely,

Melbourne L. Martin