IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA Cherry Sterk

IN RE THE FLORIDA BAR PETITION TO AMEND RULES REGULATING THE FLORIDA BAR

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DOCKET NO. 87,132

## RESPONSE OF LINDA SMITH EMPLOYED BY PARALEGAL PAPERWORKS, INC. FLORIDA BAR'S PETITION TO AMEND THE RULES REGULATING THE FLORIDA BAR

Linda Smith is a citizen of the State of Florida and is affected by said rules and hereby responds to the Florida Bar's Petition pursuant to Article 1, Section 21 of the Florida Constitution and states as follows:

I strongly feel that the proposed amendment to the unlicensed practice of law rules in its' requirement to make non-lawyers pay restitution to victims of non-lawyers who engage in the unlicensed practice of law is discriminatory to all non-lawyers and denies equal protection under the law. If this Court is sincerely interested in protecting the public from harm, then this Court would require lawyers who cause public harm to also pay restitution to the public. This proposed amendment is not intended to truly protect the public from harm, it is merely another attempt to put non-lawyers out of business to eliminate competition for all Florida Bar attorneys. This proposal is discrimination in the purest sense and I fully intend to try to prevent this amendment from getting approved.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served by regular U.S. Mail to John F. Harkness, Jr., Executive Director of the Florida Bar, 650 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300, the 30th of January, 1996.

Linda Smith

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