IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

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IN RE: THE FLORIDA BAR'S PETITION TO AMEND RULES REGULATING THE FLORIDA BAR

DOCKET NO. 87,132

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RESPONSE OF RONALD C. EUBANKS D/B/A ABLE LEGAL DOCUMENT SERVICE TO THE FLORIDA BAR'S PETITION TO AMEND THE RULES REGULATING THE FLORIDA BAR

Ronald C. Eubanks d/b/a Able Legal Document Service is a citizen of the State of Florida, is affected by said rules and hereby responds to The Florida Bar's Petition pursuant to Article I, Section 21 of the Florida Constitution and states as follows:

Respondent objects to the proposed amendment to Rule 10-7.1 Proceedings Generally, which is a sub-section of Rule 10-7 Proceedings Before a Referee, adding a provision for restitution to be paid by a non-lawyer to a "complainant or other person," for the following reasons:

(a) No such language, requirement or obligation exists in the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar which provides "restitution" to victims of members of The Florida Bar. To impose restitution only upon non-lawyers, lawyers' competitors, while exempting Florida Bar members from the same is highly discriminatory, is defective public policy and denies equal protection to non-Florida Bar members.

(b) Adequate civil and criminal remedies at law already exist to recover damages for harmed persons and are available to the Executive Branch to enforce and, thus, protect the public interest.

(c) Such an amendment to The Rules Regulating The Florida Bar would be violative of the Separation of Powers Doctrine, would usurp the authority of the

Executive Branch and would deny due process of law to the non-lawyer under attack by The Florida Bar, an inherently biased prosecutor of legal technicians.

(d) Respondent is a legal technician and lawfully operates a business which helps Florida citizens avoid the high cost of Florida Bar members in various uncontested matters and generally aids the public in gaining access to the court system. Whenever The Florida Bar has chosen to "investigate" Respondent for alleged UPL violations (approximately eleven incidencies so far), each and every time The Florida Bar has named itself as <u>complainant</u>. Therefore, Respondent believes this amendment is intended to be yet another "tool of intimidation and harassment" to be added to The Florida Bar's arsenal to be improperly used against a non-lawyer and to provide another source of attorney's fees or income for Florida Bar members and The Florida Bar UPL Department.

WHEREFORE, Respondent for the foregoing reasons prays this Honorable Court to deny The Florida Bar's petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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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., The Florida Bar, 650 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300, this the Ast day of February, 1996.

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MOTION FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

COMES NOW the undersigned, Ronald C. Eubanks d/b/a Able Legal Document Service and, pursuant to Rule 9.320 of The Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, respectfully makes request for oral argument in this instant case as styled hereinabove.

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