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Hon. Tom Hall, Clerk
Supreme Court of the State of Florida
500 South Duval Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399 1900

In re: Petition of the Supreme Court Committee on Alternative
Dispute Resolution Rules and Policy
Case No. SC 05 - 998

Dear Sir:

In accordance with directions from the Hon. Sharon Press, Director of the Dispute Resolution Center I am respectfully forwarding my comments to you concerning Final Approval of the Supreme Court Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules and Policy. which are the subject of the above captioned case. I endorse said modifications and respectfully ask that they be given final approval. Set the set forth below are my reasons.

Qualifications and Credentials of Petitioner

Petitioner was admitted to practice law in the state of New Jersey in 1963 and has remained a member of that Bar in good standing to date. Petitioner has also been admitted to practice in the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia. He has been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States and the 3rd Circuit.

While in New Jersey, Petitioner was the Counsel to the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority, Director of the State Commission of Investigation and an Assistant United States Attorney. In the course of fulfilling these responsibilities Petitioner at various times was responsible for negotiating contracts with vendors to the Authority (some of which were in the million dollar category), negotiated numerous union contracts and negotiated with

and horsemen over purse structures. Petitioner also appeared before various Committees of the legislature for funding and in public session as has served as an expert in several fields of endeavor.

Petitioner has also been domiciled and a full time resident of Florida for in excess of 20 years and has during that period of time served in several executive capacities with The Wackenhut Corporation, a multi million dollar corporation with its corporate headquarters in the state of Florida. In that position he was responsible for developing and negotiating million dollar contracts as president of its Sports and Entertainment Division and developing compensation plans, developing its initial sales force, administering and managing same as vice president of the parent corporation. Petitioner is certified as a County Mediator (17740-C). Under present Rules, Petitioner is not qualified to be a Circuit Mediator.

Rationale for Rules Revisions as They Apply to the Petitioner

Petitioner respectfully submits that:

1. The extent of his legal experience and the expertise and knowledge gained there from are at least equal, if not superior, to the academic and chronological prerequisites for circuit certification as now set forth by existing Rules and Policy which for all practical purposes have been in effect and not significantly reviewed or amended, as to this issue, since their enactment in 1987.
2. The diversity of business experience gained by him during 20 years as a successful executive having multiple responsibilities for a thriving multi million dollar Florida corporation are equal to the academic and chronological prerequisites for circuit certification, as now set forth by existing Rules and Policy
3. The legal background, business success and diverse “life experiences” which the Petitioner is able to bring to the mediation arena will enhance any mediation process in which he takes part and will be of significant value to the court system of the state of Florida and perhaps more importantly to the citizens of the state.
4. The state of Florida is growing daily in exponential numbers of citizens who are entering the state as full time residents and/or domiciliaries and

broadening the number and diversity of background, experiences, skills and capabilities of the mediation pool by adding skillful and proficient mediators to its ranks can only cause the court system and the citizenry to be greatly benefited which in this instance should be the ultimate goal of of the Supreme Court.

Respectfully submitted,

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