

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

MIAMI DIVISION

CASE NO. 07-21256-CIV-JORDAN

JOHN B. THOMPSON,)

vs.)

The FLORIDA BAR, et.al.,)

Defendants.)

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Notice to Court

Comes now the undersigned, Norman Elliott Kent, as a Proposed Intervenor, admitted to practice in the Southern District and represents to this Court as follows:

1. In light of the Court's Omnibus Order of this date providing for the undersigned to receive a copy of the Plaintiff's offensive filings and documents, which gave rise to this Court's first rule to show cause; and further,

2. In light of that same order denying the Plaintiff an opportunity to further amend this complaint belatedly so as to improperly include the undersigned as a party defendant;

The proposed Intervenor, therefore, graciously accepts this court's ruling, asking only that this court reserve for its further *sua sponte* review whether or not it becomes appropriate to refer the Plaintiff's continuing unprofessional conduct to a disciplinary committee of this court.

For example, within moments of this court's Omnibus Order being posted electronically in this case file, the Plaintiff filed a pleading again using the protection of this judicial proceeding to savage the undersigned and the defendant Florida Bar. Then, in a subsequent filing, the Plaintiff falsely accused the undersigned of working "regularly" with a Florida Bar prosecutor, which I would proffer under oath, is simply an outright lie, with no basis in fact.

No court should ever have to tolerate such disrespectful conduct from any litigant, **let alone** from a person who boasts how he has been a lawyer for thirty one years. *Were he only to behave like one for a single day.*

Few places afford attorneys such a forum for graceful advocacy as the courtrooms of our United States District Courts. How proud I am to have practiced therein, also for 30 years. So has Mr. Richard, I suspect.

As this court has noted numerous times, this case is about a disciplinary proceeding about one person and one person only. It is easy to see why.

The Plaintiff could have been used this forum for innovative and scholarly argument on the propriety of Bar disciplinary procedures, the extent of the Bar's legal authority, and the federal constitutional rights of advocates.

Instead, as one of his would be victims, I have born witness from a distance to an unabated series of

inexcusable, unprofessional, unacceptable, *ad hominem* attacks, not only upon myself, but upon the participants of this cause of action and unrelated lawyers who have distinguished themselves personally and professionally in our community, from Mr. Chaykin to Mr. Kuehne.

As our rules of professional conduct, at 4-8.4 point out, this type of advocacy has no place in our courts, and it should not be tolerated by our Bar. It explains why Mr. Thompson is a defendant in a Bar proceeding in the first place.

Graciously having been afforded by this Honorable Court the relief I sought, and asking it to reserve such further actions as it deems appropriate, I respectfully conclude my appearance herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was filed electronically with the Clerk of the Court, to all parties in this cause utilizing the CM/ECF Pacer System of the United States District Court, including

Barry Richard, Katrina Sharpe, John B. Thompson, and Charles
Fahlbusch.

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