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Kenneth Marvin
The Florida Bar
Tallahassee, Florida Via Fax to 850-561-5827 and Via U.S. Mail

Re: Judge Ron Friedman's Sworn Bar Complaint against John B. Thompson

Dear Mr. Marvin:

I filed a lawsuit yesterday in Miami-Dade Circuit Court against Best Buy and the Entertainment Software Rating Board. It is based upon Florida's Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act. Best Buy, in violation of its national policy and promise to age ID anyone appearing to be 21 or under in all sales of "Mature-rated" video games, is selling such games to anyone of any age on-line, with no age verification and also in their stores. For example, my 15-year-old son, like other kids his age, did a "sting" on Best Buy and was able to buy a "Mature" game at the Dadeland Station Best Buy, no questions asked and with no parent in sight. Nice.

The ESRB is also a defendant because the Entertainment Software Rating Board mis-rates games and then assures parents that those rated "Mature" are not sold to kids. Congressional testimony by Dr. Kimberly Thompson of Harvard proves the ESRB is engaged in fraud in both regards. This suit is going to be fun. Oh, and if you have kids or grandkids, you're welcome.

The reason I write, though, is to tell you what transpired in the Clerk's Office when I filed the lawsuit yesterday. As the clerk was processing the papers and looking at her computer screen to see which judge I randomly drew, I said "Lord, just don't give it to one Judge in particular." The clerk next to her looked up and said, "Let me guess who that would be." I said, "Please do." "Judge Ronald Friedman," she said. I asked, "How did you know?"

Said she: "When someone files a lawsuit, and he's a lawyer, there's only one judge that anyone ever mentions that they don't want. That's Judge Friedman. He apparently is unfair. He's mean, they say. Look at my sheet with all the judges listed on it. Judge Friedman's name is the only one I've circled. That's because I hear this all the time."

Does the fact that Judge Friedman is considered by the practicing Bar here to be a jerk mean that I have not acted unethically? No, but it does mean that The Bar has hitched its

SLAPP wagon to a judge with a deserved reputation for being unfair, vindictive, and just the kind of tyrant who would file an unsworn Bar complaint to try to harm, unfairly, a lawyer.

This guy was just whacked by the Third District Court of Appeals for doing to another litigant what he did to me. The Bar knows this, and The Bar's referee, Ms. Tunis, won't give me a hearing on the dismissal of the unsworn Friedman complaint.

There was a Circuit Court judge who stepped down from the bench in order to practice law in the private sector (something your prosecutor in Orlando, Sheila Tuma, might want to try before she retires). She filed a case that was assigned to Judge Friedman. She intentionally picked a fight with him so that he would recuse himself, so that she would never have to go before him again. Why? Because she knew what every sentient lawyer in Miami-Dade County knows: Ron Friedman is a tyrant who violates his own orders, prejudices cases and says so (see Third DCA ruling), and who was, ironically, the bully judge who presided over the *Bully* video game case, and in doing so, violated multiple Judicial Canons. He finally recused himself from my case, but knowing that he would do so entered all of his baseless orders in a flurry before recusal. What a jurist.

If The Bar thinks it is going to ride the Judge Friedman complaint much further, then it is mistaken. And if Ron Friedman, upon getting a copy of this letter actually thinks he is, as he told us at one of his nonhearing hearings, "respected highly at the Third District," then he's the guy who needs the mental health exam administered by The Bar, not I. The latest spanking by that court of Judge Friedman for being unfair says otherwise.

They don't even respect Judge Friedman in his own Clerk's Office.

Regards, Jack Thompson

Copy: Judge Ron Friedman
U.S. District Court Case 07-21256