

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

JOHN B. THOMPSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 07-21256 (Judge Adalberto Jordan)

THE FLORIDA BAR and  
DAVA J. TUNIS, JOHN HARKNESS,  
AND FRANK ANTONES,

Defendants.

**PLAINTIFF’S MOTION FOR THE COURT TO TAKE JUDICIAL NOTICE OF  
LOCAL NEWS STORY THAT MAKES A JOKE OF THE BAR’S OBSESSION  
WITH “JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE” AT THE EXPENSE OF THE FIRST  
AMENDMENT AND ITS USEFULNESS IN OUTING BAD JUDGES**

COMES NOW petitioner, John B. Thompson, moves this court to take judicial notice of the attached news story, stating:

Can anyone at The Florida Bar explain why a complaint to the Judicial Qualifications Commission about a dishonest judge is protected First Amendment speech but a lawyer’s speech to the citizenry about a dishonest judge is not protected speech?

The answer, of course, is that “The Club” wants to keep this holding judges accountable thing amongst themselves. “We can’t let the common rabble, especially rightwing lawyers share facts with mere citizens about judicial misconduct. That would jeopardize judicial independence—independence from the democratic impulse.” US Senator Grassley is right: judges think they are gods above the law and certainly above the common folk whom The Bar asserts have no rights while their Bar President in the *Florida Bar Journal* asserts “The Florida Bar is in the forefront of the fight for human and civil rights.”

The Bar's pursuit of Thompson for his having outed two dishonorable judges is absurd. Florida has no "compelling state interest" in protecting corrupt judges. It has a compelling state interest in finding out *who they are and getting rid of them*, getting rid of scoundrels like Miami-Dade Circuit Court Judge Ronald Friedman. Thompson deserves an award for what he was willing to say about this guy which every lawyer who has ever been before him knows. The same goes for the Alabama judge whom Clatus Junkin says can be bought. The Bar is in the business of protecting those whom it wants to protect. Justice Douglas' "goose-stepping brigades" (*Lathrop* case) of the integrated bars are here.

I hereby certify that the foregoing has been provided to opposing counsel through the court's obscenity-free electronic filing system, this November 2, 2007.

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