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Mr. John B. Thompson
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Dear Mr. Thompson:

I have received a copy of the letter you wrote to Ms. Sheila Tuma in response to my letter to you of July 25, 2007. Please direct any communication related to the public records request directly to me. This will help me to provide better service to you. Although Ms. Tuma is representing The Florida Bar in connection with the discipline case and any discovery requests that arise within that case, I am handling your public records request which is distinct and separate from the grievance matter. Also, please communicate directly with Ms. Jan Wichrowski, Chief Branch Discipline Counsel of the Orlando Branch, to coordinate your appointment to inspect the records at the Orlando Branch Office, and not Ms. Tuma. Again, that will help us provide better service to you.

As I informed you in my letter, there are records available immediately at the Orlando Branch Office for inspection – the response to your Dec. 2005 public records request is again available for your inspection, as is the communication related to the Alabama Bar complaint. Please contact Ms. Wichrowski at the Orlando Branch to coordinate the review of those records.

With regard to your other requests, we have made the following estimates:

1. With regard to "ALL correspondence from ALL of The Bar Complainants (Tew Cardenas, Blank Rome, absolutely everybody) since August 2004 to The Bar and The Bar back to all of them, including all other Bar files on all of this...." – The total number of pages of responsive records located thus far are approximately 8,000. We have estimated that it will take approximately 160

clerical hours at \$8.00 an hour to review the estimated 8,000 records related to the request at a cost of \$1280. Please note that most of the records have been created or generated by you. Please forward a \$1000 deposit in the form of a check or money order made payable to The Florida Bar to me and the records will be reviewed, redacted and made available to you as quickly as possible.

2. **With regard to "every scrap of paper that The Bar has generated since August 2004 about me, regardless of who it is from or to, including all internal and other communications by anyone connected with the Bar."** The total number of pages of responsive records located thus far is approximately 19,930. Again, most of the records were created or generated by you. The bar estimates that it will take 30 supervisory hours (at \$28 an hour) and 339 clerical hours (at \$8 an hour) to review and redact those records at a cost of \$3552. Please forward a \$3000 deposit in the form of a check or money order made payable to The Florida Bar to me as soon as possible and we will complete the process of review and redaction of the records. If easier, you may provide me with one check or money order for the total deposit of \$4000 needed for the full request.

In order to expedite your request, I will alert you when portions of the request are available so that you will receive the requested records at the earliest possible date.

Please note that The Florida Bar has made no waiver with regard to its attorney-client privilege and/or work product protections. The bar will, as it has in its prior responses, provide all records that constitute public records and will remove and/or redact from the public records privileged communications.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Mary Ellen Bateman
Division Director
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cc: Ms. Jan Wichrowski
Mr. Raymond A. Reiser