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July 20, 2005

Hon. Thomas D. Hall  
Clerk of Court  
Florida Supreme Court  
500 S. Duval St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1900

Re: *Frank J. Lawrence, Jr.*

Dear Mr. Hall:

I represent Chief Justice Pariente in an action brought in federal court by the above-referenced individual. The case is styled Lawrence v. Schwiep, et al., Case Number 4:05-CV-14 RH/WCS, and is pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Florida. I filed a motion to dismiss, on behalf of Chief Justice Pariente earlier this year, and asserted among other defenses, abstention. Pursuant to Younger v. Harris, 401 U.S. 37, 91 S.Ct. 746, 27 L.Ed.2d 669 (1971), a federal court should abstain from exercising jurisdiction over a pending state court proceeding, when certain criteria are met. I understand that Mr. Lawrence has a pending bar admission proceeding. Therefore, it would appear that abstention would be appropriate.

I further understand that Mr. Lawrence has filed a petition in the Florida Supreme Court seeking review of an adverse determination by the Florida Board of Bar Examiners on his bar admission application. The purpose of this letter is to request copies of the petition, the motion for stay that was filed by Mr. Lawrence, and the Court's order on the motion for stay.

I would like to file the above-described documents with the federal court under seal. The purpose for filing the documents, would be to support the abstention argument (and to provide to the federal court information regarding the status of Mr. Lawrence's bar admission proceeding). I do not need certified copies of the documents. I intend to file a motion seeking judicial notice of the documents, and noncertified copies should be sufficient for my purposes.

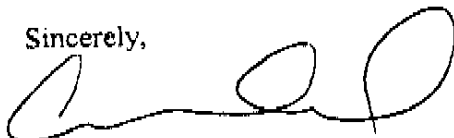
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If my request for records is approved, the documents may be mailed to me at the address noted above. Thank you for your prompt response to this request. If you have any questions about the foregoing, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie A. Daniel', with a stylized, cursive script.

Stephanie A. Daniel  
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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