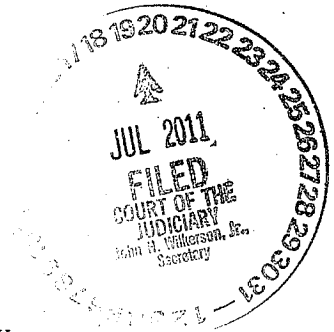


BEFORE THE COURT OF THE JUDICIARY  
OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA



In the matter of: )  
)  
M. John Steensland, Jr., Retired )  
)  
District Judge of Houston County, )  
)  
in the Twentieth Circuit of Alabama. )

Court of the Judiciary  
Case No. 39

**MOTION FOR DISCLOSURE OF CASES FOR  
WHICH THE COURT OF THE JUDICIARY HAS DECLINED  
TO AWARD COSTS**

Comes Respondent, M. John Steensland, Jr., Retired, and moves the Court of the Judiciary to disclose to him the occasions in the past when it has elected not to tax costs, and its rationale for same, upon the following grounds:

1. The Clerk of the Court, the Honorable John Wilkerson, has admitted to the undersigned counsel for Respondent that there have been "a very few" occasions when the Court of the Judiciary has declined to tax costs, but asserted that he is not able, within the time for filing this motion and the brief and response contemporaneously filed herewith, to provide this information to Respondent.
2. There is no other way for Respondent to obtain it.
3. On information and belief, Respondent asserts that the Court of the Judiciary has elected not to tax costs on occasions like his when, after all was said and done, the Court imposed no greater punishment upon a Judge than what he offered prosecutors he would accept without the necessity for the hearing for which costs would otherwise have been taxed.
4. Respondent has cited in his brief and response to the attempt by prosecutors for the

Judicial Inquiry Commission to impose costs that their efforts so to do are inequitable, purely punitive, serve no legitimate purpose, and encourage vindictiveness on the part of prosecutors.

5. Without the information sought hereby, Respondent cannot fully and completely file his brief and response to efforts by prosecutors for the Judicial Inquiry Commission to tax costs against him.

Wherefore, Respondent moves the Court of the Judiciary to order its clerk to disclose to his counsel the occasions when it has declined to tax costs and its rationale for so doing.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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