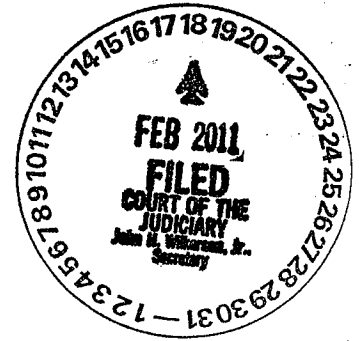


BEFORE THE COURT OF THE JUDICIARY  
OF ALABAMA



IN THE MATTER OF M. JOHN )  
STEENSLAND, JR., RETIRED )  
DISTRICT JUDGE OF HOUSTON )  
COUNTY IN THE TWENTIETH )  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ALABAMA )

Court of the Judiciary  
Case No. 39

**MOTION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS**

COMES NOW Undersigned Counsel for M. John Steensland, Jr. ("Steensland"), Retired District Judge of Houston County, and files this Motion to Stay Proceedings and as grounds therefore would say as follows:

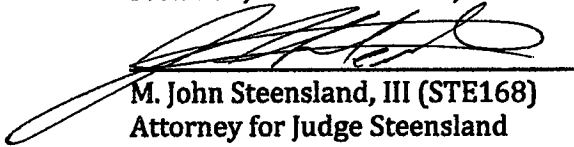
1. The Court has set this matter for trial on Wednesday, March 2, 2011.
2. The media accounts of the JIC charges have resulted in certain individuals contacting JIC. Said individuals were dissatisfied with rulings in cases litigated before Steensland. The Judicial Inquiry Commission ("JIC") staff and executive director have engaged in a course of conduct encouraging said individuals to file new complaints in an effort to further humiliate, intimidate and prejudice Steensland.
3. Said new complaints are currently under investigation and pending before JIC. Steensland has been required to file responses with JIC to the allegations contained in said complaints.
4. The result and, upon information and belief, the desired effect of JIC's conduct relating to the new complaints is both simple. The outcome of the trial in the present matter notwithstanding, Steensland will be forced to endure the entire process again.
5. It would be unfair, inequitable and contrary to the administration of justice to separate the pending complaints before JIC and the current charges before this Honorable Court. All complaints that may result in charges against Steensland should be consolidated and considered by this Honorable Court in one proceeding.

6. It is contrary to the spirit of the Rules of JIC, equity, and the fundamental administration of justice to divide the charges and complaints against Steensland into separate proceedings thereby extending the time and expense of both defending and adjudicating them. Steensland is entitled to have all charges, complaints, documents, materials and witnesses against him combined and consolidated so that all alleged misconduct can be adjudicated in the same proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Steensland moves this Honorable Court to stay all proceedings in the present matter until all complaints pending before JIC are fully investigated and resolved.

Dated this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011.

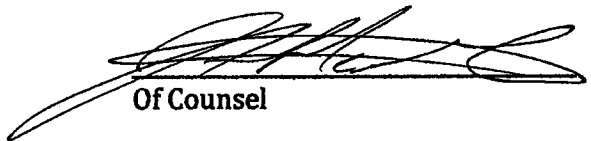
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and exact copy of the foregoing has been furnished via U.S. Mail postage prepaid to Thomas E. Harrison, 503 Government Street, Mobile, AL 36602, on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011.



Of Counsel