

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,) Court of the Judiciary
) Case No. 39
in the Twentieth Circuit of Alabama.)

MOTION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL BRIEFING SCHEDULE

Comes Respondent, M. John Steensland, Jr., Retired, and moves the Court of the Judiciary to order a supplemental briefing schedule upon the issue of imposition of costs, on 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, and cannot incorporate this information into his brief and response.

Wherefore, Respondent moves the Court of the Judiciary to order a supplemental briefing schedule upon the issue of imposition of costs.

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this the 19th day of July, 2011, I hand delivered the foregoing brief to the Clerk of the Court of the Judiciary and emailed counsel of record as follows:

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