

BEFORE THE COURT OF THE JUDICIARY OF ALABAMA



In the Matter of: *
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M. John Steensland, Jr., * Court of the Judiciary
Retired District Judge * Case No. 39
Of the Twentieth Judicial *
Circuit of Alabama *

REQUEST FOR TWENTY-ONE DAYS TO RESPOND TO
RESPONDENT'S BRIEF FOR RECONSIDERATION OF COURT'S
ORDER GRANTING COMMISSION'S MOTION TO TAX COSTS

COMES NOW the Judicial Inquiry Commission of Alabama ("the Commission"), by and through counsel, and moves this Honorable Court to grant it twenty-one (21) days to respond to motions filed by Judge M. John Steensland, Jr. ("Judge Steensland") on July 19, 2011, relating to this Court's Order granting the Commission's Motion to Tax Costs. As grounds for this Motion to Continue, the Commission asserts as follows:

1. On June 17, 2011, Judge Steensland filed a Motion for Reconsideration of this Court's June 14, 2011 Order to Tax Costs against Judge Steensland.

2. On July 19, 2011, before this Court ruled on the Motion for Reconsideration, Judge Steensland filed two additional motions and a responsive brief, all on the issue of taxation of costs.
3. These latest filings by Judge Steensland raise new or significant legal issues relating to this Court's reconsideration of its Order taxing costs against Judge Steensland, and the Commission needs time to research and appropriately answer these arguments.
4. The nature and seriousness of allegations leveled against the Commission by Judge Steensland in both his Brief in Response to Costs and in his Motion for Supplemental Briefing Schedule require that the Commission be allowed adequate time to respond to those allegations.

5. The Commission's appellate attorney is currently out of the country in a remote region of the world and is not able to receive communications from the Commission. When he returns to work next week, the Commission's attorney will be preparing a brief to be filed in the United States Supreme Court, in addition to other matters requiring his attention.
6. A continuance of twenty-one days will allow the Commission adequate time to respond to Judge Steensland's recent motions without causing unnecessary delay or inconvenience to this Court or to Judge Steensland.

WHEREFORE, the Judicial Inquiry Commission moves this Honorable Court, for the reasons stated above, to grant the Commission twenty-one days to respond to motions filed by Judge Steensland on the issue of taxation of costs.

DATED this the 21st day of July, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this the 21st day of July, 2011, I electronically filed a copy of the foregoing motion with the Clerk of the Court of the Judiciary, and I served a copy of the same through electronic mail, as well as the United States mail, first class postage prepaid, on:

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