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CASE NO. 74,538

Subj: Comments on Proposed Rule -2.065 (LEGAL AID)

Re: **PAYMENT OF \$350 BUY-OUT OPTION SHOULD BE REQUIRED OF JUDGES AND GOVERNMENTAL LAWYERS AS THEIR PRO-BONO OBLIGATION OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE FLORIDA BAR**

Dear Justices:

It appears to be the Court's position that acceptance of membership in the Florida Bar imposes the obligation to help provide Pro-Bono services.

It also appears that the Court is rightfully concerned about possible ethical conflicts that might arise because of judges and governmental lawyers actually representing clients on a Pro-Bono status.

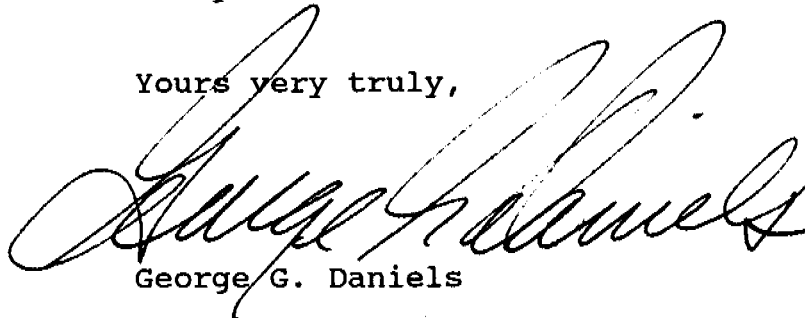
As a result, it seems that the Court is considering exempting, partially or wholly, such judges and governmental lawyers from the requirements to help provide Pro-Bono services.

It also appears that the Court has decided that the obligation to provide Pro-Bono services can be satisfied by the payment of a \$350.00 "buy-out" option.

Under these circumstances, there is neither need nor justification for any "special accommodations" to be made on behalf of judges and governmental lawyers, since they can easily fulfill their obligation by utilizing the buy-out option and paying \$350.00.

Their payment of the \$350.00 is especially appropriate because, for most of them, membership in the Florida Bar is a prerequisite for their receipt of a salary from the State of Florida.

Yours very truly,



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