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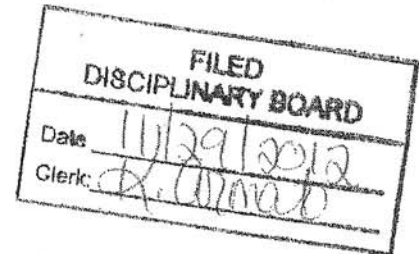
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Dow M. Edwards
Chairman, Louisiana Disciplinary Board
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Re: Disciplinary Board Case No. 07-DB-033

Dear Mr. Edwards:

My name is John Sudderth, and I am running for Judge, 24th Judicial District Court, Division "D", in Jefferson Parish. The election is set for April 6, 2013. I am presently on leave with the Louisiana Department of Justice, and was in private practice prior to Hurricane Katrina. Prior to entering private practice and after passing the bar, I joined the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office under Harry Connick, Sr. Because of my nineteen years of experience in litigation practicing in many courts, including the 1st, 4th, and 5th Circuit Courts of Appeal, and the Supreme Court of Louisiana, I believe that I am clearly qualified to run and hold the office of District Court Judge.

However, I recently discovered, by chance, that my name was included in a Disciplinary Board opinion regarding another attorney, Kenneth J. Beck. The opinion was filed on July 28, 2009, attached hereto. According to "Count 1" against Mr. Beck, the opinion states, "Beginning in or around May, 2000, the respondent, Kenneth J. Beck, agreed to become corporate counsel for Marcotte's company, Bail Bonds Unlimited, and moved his law office (*together with attorney John Sudderth*) into the same building..." (*Emphasis added*).

Considering that I never moved my private law office or any other office into Mr. Marcotte's building at anytime in my life, this came as a complete shock to me. Moreover, considering the shadow that such a statement creates, it is clear that more likely than not, one of my opponents in the April 6, 2013 election could use this false and misleading statement against me, and to the public at large. Such an announcement will not only ruin any chance I might have had in the election, it could also forever taint my law career. Further, it is also just as likely that should this statement be announced in such a way that my position with the Department of Justice could be lost, thereby jeopardizing my family's security.

I do not know why the statement was made or written in an opinion in which I am not, nor have ever been, a party. However, I can provide an affidavit from Ms. Joy Crescent, an attorney and whom I did share law office space with during the time when Mr. Beck moved into Mr. Marcotte's building. She would swear that I never moved out of the Manhattan office space during that time. As a brief history, prior to Mr. Beck's employment with Bail Bonds Unlimited, I had moved my private

law office into a space occupied by Mr. Beck and Ms. Crescent on Manhattan Blvd in Harvey, Louisiana. I grew up on the westbank, and was familiar with the area, and its proximity to the 24th JDC. Within six months after moving into the space, Mr. Beck informed me that he was taking a job as counsel to Mr. Marcotte's business, Bail Bonds Unlimited. I did not join him or move my private law office into Mr. Marcotte's building, but remained at the Manhattan Blvd. office for several years thereafter. After Hurricane Katrina, I joined the Louisiana Department of Justice as an Assistant Attorney General, and have been so employed since then.

As you are aware, prior to hiring an attorney, the Department runs a lengthy background check. I passed the background check and worked in the position of Assistant Attorney General until I made my decision to run for District Court Judge in Jefferson Parish. I then applied for and was granted leave to run for the judicial office.

It is my understanding from Dane Ciolino that Mr. Beck's case with the Board is pending at this time. Therefore, I implore you and your fellow members to please correct this seemingly small mistake, which if not corrected, could have devastating effects upon my life and upon my family's life.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesies, I remain,

Very Truly,

John E. Sudderth