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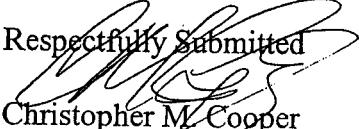
RE: Affidavit of Disqualification
Case No. 05AP122

My name is Christopher M. Cooper, Supreme Court Number 0028970. On or about June 16, 2005, I appeared in the courtroom of the Honorable Carole Squire at the request of Attorney Michael Winston. Mr. Winston had called me because I had been a mentor to him, and he believed that he was in a difficult position with the Court.

Upon meeting Mr. Winston, he advised me that he was the lead counsel in the matter of Audra M. Fleming vs. Ronald Fleming for Mr. Fleming, and had been summoned from vacation by the Court. HE further advised that Ms. Halliburton-Cohen was in effect co-counsel, and was substituting on his behalf. It was my understanding that Mr. Winston wanted to be removed, and allow Ms. Halliburton-Cohen to proceed with representing his client. Mr. Winston, being a young attorney, thought that he may have done something incorrectly, and desired my counsel at that time. So I sat in the rear of the courtroom to observe and advise Mr. Winston only.

As I observed, I witnessed what I considered inappropriate conduct by Ms. Halliburton-Cohen and Mr. Winston toward the Court. I thought their demeanor and dialogue to the Judge was hostile, confrontational and disrespectful. I can say that I have not witnessed such conduct to a sitting Judge in any courtroom that I have had the privilege to practice before. Upon viewing approximately twenty to thirty minutes of the procedure, I was able to communicate to my client, Mr. Winston, and discuss his behavior. Mr. Winston acknowledged that his behavior was out of his character, and agreed to modify it accordingly.

I would also submit to this court, that I thought the Judge, Carole Squire, showed great patience and restraint with both attorneys. As I witnessed the events unfold, I found myself wondering when she would find one or both of them in contempt for the disrespectful manner that they were addressing her. During the time I witnessed, which was not the entire hearing, the Judge was extremely appropriate. I saw the Judge a few days later and expressed the same to her, and applauded her for not sanctioning either attorney. I further advised Mr. Winston that when he had the opportunity, he should apologize to the Court.

Respectfully Submitted

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