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<u>VIA FAX (813) 443-2193</u> Email and US Mail

July 22, 2010

Mr. Pedro F. Bajo, Jr., Esq. Chair, 13th Circuit JNC Bajo Cuva, P.A. 100 N. Tampa Street, Suite 1900 Tampa, FL 33602

Dear Mr. Bajo:

Enclosed you will find <u>Plaintiff's Notice of Filing</u>, my affidavit showing that Mr. Rodems mislead the court during hearings on October 30, 2007 and July 1, 2008 for the purpose of obtaining a dismissal of claims against Barker, Rodems & Cook, P.A. and Mr. Cook.

On July 9, 2010 I hand delivered to your office a copy of my Emergency Motion to Disqualify Defendants' Counsel Ryan Christopher Rodems & Barker, Rodems & Cook, PA. The motion set forth that Mr. Rodems is unlawfully representing his firm and partners against a former client in the same or substantially related matter. I requested representation on the matter and you declined. I hereby waive any and all conflict or attorney-client privilege that may have attached to my request for representation.

In an email to you May 28, 2010 objecting to the nomination of Mr. Rodems I provided you a PDF of <u>Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint</u> in my lawsuit with Mr. Rodems. The amended complaint added Messrs. Barker and Rodems as defendants. Partners engaged in the practice of law are each responsible for the fraud or negligence of another partner when the later acts within the scope of the ordinary business of an attorney. <u>Smyrna Developers, Inc. v. Bornstein</u>, 177 So.2d 16 (Fla. Dist. Ct. App. 2d Dist. 1965).

You and the lawyer members of the 13th Circuit JNC may have an obligation under Florida Bar Rule 4-8.3 to report this misconduct:

FL Bar Rule 4-8.3. Reporting Professional Misconduct (relevant portion)

(a) Reporting Misconduct of Other Lawyers. A lawyer who knows that another lawyer has committed a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct that raises a substantial question as to that lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects shall inform the appropriate professional authority.

The Comment to Rule 4-8.3 states that self-regulation of the legal profession requires that members of the profession initiate disciplinary investigation when they know of a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Lawyers have a similar obligation with respect to judicial misconduct. An apparently isolated violation may indicate a pattern of misconduct that only a disciplinary investigation can uncover. (relevant portion). This rule limits the reporting obligation to those offenses that a self-regulating profession must vigorously endeavor to prevent. A measure of judgment is, therefore, required in complying with the provisions of this rule. The term "substantial" refers to the seriousness of the possible offense and not the quantum of evidence of which the lawyer is aware.

Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint was submitted to you in conjunction with JNC business, my objection to Mr. Rodems for judge. The emergency motion to disqualify Rodems, and my affidavit showing Rodems' misrepresentation to the court, each support the allegations in the amended complaint.

Mr. Barker is both a member of the JNC and a law partner with Mr. Rodems. This creates a conflict when the JNC must consider the allegations of the amended complaint, as well Rodems' ongoing unlawful conduct, all done in the name of Barker, Rodems & Cook, PA, which is reported to the JNC in conjunction with JNC business. This conflict created by Mr. Barker's continued presence on the 13th Circuit JNC is a violation of the public trust, reflects discredit upon the judicial selection process, and suggests partiality in the consideration of applicants.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

cc: Mr. Érik M. Figlio, General Counsel

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Executive Office of the Governor

The Capitol, Suite 209 Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Enclosures

Sincerely,

Fax

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To: Mr. Pedro F. Bajo, Jr., Chair, 13th Circuit JNC

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Date: July 22, 2010

Pages: twenty (20), including this cover page

Re: FL Bar Rule 4-8.3, Reporting Professional Misconduct

Please see the accompanying letter and enclosure. Thank you.

Neil J. Gillespie

NOTE: This fax and the accompanying information is privileged and confidential and is intended only for use by the above addressee. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any use, dissemination or copying of this fax and the accompanying communications is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please immediately notify the sender by telephone, collect if necessary, and return the original message to me at the above address via U.S. mail. Thank you for your cooperation.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA **GENERAL CIVIL DIVISION**

NEIL J. GILLESPIE,

Plaintiff and Counter-Defendant, CASE NO.: 05-CA-7205

VS.

BARKER, RODEMS & COOK, P.A., a Florida corporation; WILLIAM J. COOK,

DIVISION: G

Defendants and Counter-Plaintiffs

PLAINTIFF'S NOTICE OF FILING

Plaintiff and Counter-Defendant Neil J. Gillespie pro se hereby notices the filing of the Affidavit of Neil J. Gillespie.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED July 20, 2010.

Neil J. Gillespie, Plaintiff and Counter-Defendant, pro se 8092 SW 115th Loop

Ocala, Florida 34481

Telephone: (352) 854-7807

Certificate of Service

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Plaintiff's Notice of Filing was mailed July 20, 2010 to Ryan Christopher Rodems, Barker, Rodems & Cook, PA, 400 North Ashley Drive, Suite 2100, Tampa, Florida 33602.

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AFFIDAVIT OF NEIL J. GILLESPIE

Neil J. Gillespie, under oath, testifies as follows:

- 1. My name is Neil J. Gillespie, and I am over eighteen years of age. This affidavit is given on personal knowledge unless otherwise expressly stated.
- 2. The law firm formerly known as Alpert, Barker, Rodems, Ferrentino & Cook, P.A. formerly represented me in litigation against AMSCOT Corporation. A signed copy of the attorney fee agreement between me and William J. Cook for Alpert, Barker, Rodems, Ferrentino & Cook, P.A. is attached as Exhibit A.
- 3. Barker, Rodems & Cook, P.A. formerly represented me in litigation against AMSCOT Corporation after Alpert, Barker, Rodems, Ferrentino & Cook, P.A. closed. I did <u>not</u> sign an attorney fee with agreement Barker, Rodems & Cook, P.A. for their representation of me against AMSCOT Corporation. There is <u>no signed</u> attorney fee agreement between me and Barker, Rodems & Cook, P.A. because I did not sign one.

- 4. I am the Plaintiff and Counter-Defendant pro se in this, the above captioned lawsuit against Barker, Rodems & Cook, P.A., et. al, for their former representation of me as described in the preceding paragraph 3.
- 5. Attorney Ryan Christopher Rodems, Florida Bar Number 947652, is representing the Defendants and Counter-Plaintiffs Barker, Rodems & Cook, P.A., et. al in this, the above captioned lawsuit against me, a former client in a matter which is the same or substantially related to the former representation.
- 6. Mr. Rodems is unlawfully representing the Defendants and Counter-Plaintiffs Barker, Rodems & Cook, P.A., et. al against me in this lawsuit. I submitted an Emergency Motion to Disqualify Defendants' Counsel Ryan Christopher Rodems & Barker, Rodems & Cook, P.A. July 9, 2010.
- 7. Upon information and belief, Mr. Rodems mislead the Court during hearings on October 30, 2007, and July 1, 2008 for the purpose of obtaining a dismissal of claims against Barker, Rodems & Cook, P.A. and William J. Cook. Mr. Rodems misrepresented to Judge Barton that there was a signed written fee agreement between me and Barker, Rodems & Cook, P.A. when in fact there was none. There is no signed written fee agreement between me and Barker, Rodems & Cook, P.A. No such agreement was signed, none exists, and Mr. Rodems has not produced one. The lack of a signed written fee agreement between the parties is also a violation of Bar Rule 4-1.5(f)(2). Because Mr. Rodems mislead the Court, Plaintiff's Motion For Rehearing was submitted July 16, 2008 by the Law Office of Robert W. Bauer, P.A. who formally represented me.
- 8. A true and correct copy of <u>Plaintiff's Motion For Rehearing</u> submitted July 16, 2008 by Law Office of Robert W. Bauer, P.A. is attached as Exhibit B.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Dated this 20th day of July 2010.

EIL J. GILLESPIE

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MARION

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority authorized to take oaths and acknowledgments in the State of Florida, personally appeared NEIL J. GILLESPIE, known to me, who, after having first been duly sworn, deposes and says that the above matters contained in this Affidavit are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 20th day of July 2010.

CECILIA ROSENBERGER
Commission DD 781620
Expires June 6, 2012
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Notary Public State of Florida

CLASS REPRESENTATION CONTRACT

I. PURPOSE

I/We,	Neil	Gillespie				
do hereby retain						
P.A., to investigate AMSCOT	te my pot	ential claim res	uiting from	MY TIAN	rachant i	w:† W
and, if advisable,	to pursue	e necessary litig	gation on my	behalf.		

I/We understand that I/we may be one of several plaintiff(s) or part of a class of plaintiff(s) represented by Alpert, Barker, Rodems, Ferrentino & Cook, P.A.

II. COSTS AND EXPENSES

I/We hereby agree to pay for the costs and expenses of the investigation and preparation of my/our claims for damages. Should it be necessary to institute a lawsuit or arbitration proceeding, I/we agree to pay all costs and expenses associated with any Court or arbitration proceeding. If an appeal of any decision is filed, regardless of the person or party filing such appeal, I agree to pay the costs and expenses associated with initiating or responding to such appeal.

I/We authorize Alpert, Barker, Rodems, Ferrentino & Cook, P.A., to advance and pay any costs and expenses it deems appropriate to the handling of my case. I/We will pay Alpert, Barker, Rodems, Ferrentino & Cook, P.A., for the costs and expenses advanced out of the portion of any recovery remaining after attorneys' fees have been subtracted. I/We will then receive the portion of what remains, which is known as the "net recovery". Thus, the "total recovery" (all monies received or collected, including attorneys' fees, if awarded) less Alpert, Barker, Rodems, Ferrentino & Cook, P.A.'s attorneys' fees and any costs and expenses will equal the "net recovery".

I/We understand that my/our portion of the "net recovery" will be a prorated or per person share which will be proportional to that of all other class members. The amount of money I/we receive will be determined by dividing the "net recovery" (the amount of any recovery remaining after attorneys' fees and expenses have been subtracted) by the number of class members who are determined eligible to receive proceeds from any judgment or settlement. I/We understand that the Court or other tribunal may approve a different ratio or formula depending upon the circumstances.

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If I/we terminate this contract, then Alpert, Barker, Rodems, Ferrentino & Cook, P.A., may seek payment from me/us for any costs and expenses allowed by law.



III. ATTORNEYS' FEES

In almost all cases in America, each party to a lawsuit or arbitration proceeding pays its own attorneys' fees. In rare cases, the Defendant(s) may pay all or part of the attorneys' fees or the Court or arbitration panel may award attorneys' fees based upon a statute or otherwise.

I/We agree to pay Alpert, Barker, Rodems, Ferrentino & Cook, P.A., an attorneys' fee if it is successful in obtaining any monies or other benefit on my behalf. I/We understand that Alpert, Barker, Rodems, Ferrentino & Cook, P.A., will receive the attorneys' fees awarded by a Court or arbitration panel or will receive the applicable percentage of the "total recovery" (all monies received from the Defendant(s) including, but not limited to, money for actual damages, punitive damages, interest, penalties, attorneys' fees and expenses), whichever is higher. The applicable percentages shall be as follows:

- A. 33.334% of the "total recovery" prior to the time that an answer is filed or a demand for appointment of arbitrator(s) is made; thereafter,
- B. 40% of the "total recovery" from the time of the filing of an answer or the demand for appointment of arbitrator(s), through the entry of a judgment;
- C. An additional 5% of the "total recovery" after a Notice of Appeal is filed by any person or party or if post-judgment relief or action is required for recovery on the judgment.

In the event that my/our claim is settled on terms of an agreement calling for payment in installments, whether monthly, annually or otherwise, in the future, my/our attorneys' contingent fee percentage shall be calculated on the costs of any structured settlement or, if the cost is unknown, on the present money value of the structured settlement. If both the damages <u>and</u> the attorneys' fees are to be paid out in future installments, this limitation shall not apply.

I/We understand that if there is no recovery, I/we will not be indebted to Alpert, Barker, Rodems, Ferrentino & Cook, P.A., for any attorneys' fees.

If I/we terminate this contract, then Alpert, Barker, Rodems, Ferrentino & Cook, P.A., may seek payment from me/us for any attorneys' fees allowed by law.

IV. ALPERT, BARKER, RODEMS, FERRENTINO & COOK, P.A. MAY WORK WITH OTHER LAWYERS ON MY CASE

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V. WHAT THIS CONTRACT COVERS

A. Scope of Representation

At the time of signing this contract, I/we also signed a Statement of Client's Rights as well as an Acknowledgment regarding investigation of my claim. These three documents encompass the entire agreement between me/us and Alpert, Barker, Rodems, Ferrentino & Cook, P.A. These signed agreements take the place of any prior, oral or written agreements and may only be changed or modified by a separate, written agreement signed and dated by me/us and Alpert, Barker, Rodems, Ferrentino & Cook, P.A.

This contract is to be interpreted in accordance with Florida law.

I/We understand that Alpert, Barker, Rodems, Ferrentino & Cook, P.A., has no duty to represent me/us in any matters other than my/our potential claim resulting from _______.

I/We understand that if Alpert, Barker, Rodems, Ferrentino & Cook, P.A., determines, at some later date, that my claim should not or cannot be reasonably prosecuted by the Firm, the Firm may notify me in writing of this decision and withdraw as my attorneys. Under such circumstances, I shall be responsible to Alpert, Barker, Rodems, Ferrentino & Cook, P.A., only for any fees and costs permitted by law.

B. Documents and Information

I/we authorize the lawyers to utilize my/our documents and/or information in any regulatory, enforcement, or other proceedings of any kind as may be necessary in the lawyers' sole discretion.

APPROVAL OF THIS CONTRACT

The undersigned client(s) has/have, before signing this contract, received and read the Statement of Client's Rights and understands each of the rights set forth therein. The undersigned client(s) has/have signed the Statement and received a signed copy to refer to while being represented by the undersigned attorneys.

This contract may be cancelled by written notification to the attorneys at any time within three (3) business days of the date the contract was signed, as shown below, and if cancelled the client(s) shall not be obligated to pay any fees to the attorneys for the work performed during that time. If the attorneys have advanced funds to others in representation of the client(s), the attorneys are entitled to be reimbursed for such amounts as the attorneys have reasonably advanced on behalf of the client(s).

I/We have read this contract and any documents specifically referenced herein, and agree to all terms referenced within such documents.

DATED: 11/3/2000	DATED: 11-3-2000
Alpert, Barker, Rodems, Ferrentino & Cook, P.A. Post Office Box 3270 Tampa, Florida 33601-3270	Client / / / Client
813/223-4131	Client

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA

NEIL J. GILLESPIE

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v.

BARKER, RODEMS & COOK, P.A., a Florida Corporation; and WILLIAM J. COOK.

Defendant,

Case No.:05-CA-007205

Division: C

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR REHEARING

Plaintiff, NEIL J. GILLESPIE, files this Motion for Rehearing in accordance with Rule 1.530 of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, and alleges the following:

- 1. This action was heard on October 30, 2007, and July 1, 2008, and the resulting judgment was entered on July 7, 2008. A copy of the judgment is attached as Exhibit A and made a part of this Motion for all purposes.
- Plaintiff moves for rehearing on the grounds that the Court's judgment
 was based on the Defendants' representations that there was a signed
 attorney fee agreement between Barker, Rodems & Cook and the Plaintiff.
- 3. Defendants have not produced a signed copy of the attorney fee agreement between Barker, Rodems & Cook and the Plaintiff.
- 4. Defendants have only produced a signed copy of the attorney fee agreement between Alpert, Barker, Rodems, Ferrentino & Cook and the Plaintiff. A copy of the fee agreement is attached as Exhibit B and made a part of this Motion for all purposes.
- 5. Defendant Cook signed the attorney fee agreement between Alpert,



- Barker, Rodems, Ferrentino & Cook and the Plaintiff.
- 6. Defendants breached the attorney fee agreement by disregarding the provisions of the agreement and taking an amount of attorneys' fees that far exceeded the amount enumerated in said agreement.
- 7. The total recovery in the class action lawsuit was \$56,000.
- 8. Defendants took \$50,000 under the false assertion that this was the amount of court-awarded attorneys' fees.
- 9. In the attorney fee agreement, the Defendants were entitled to receive either court-awarded attorneys' fees, 33.334% of total recovery prior to the time an answer is filed or a demand for appointment of arbitrators is made, or 40% of the total recovery from the time of the filing of an answer or the demand for appointment of arbitrators through the entry of judgment. The law firm was entitled 5% of the total recovery after a notice of appeal is filed by any party or if post judgment relief or action is required for recovery on the judgment.
- 10. Defendants were actually entitled to \$31,325.46, which consists of the attorneys' fees, costs and expenses, and the expenses paid to the former law firm.
- 11. Defendants received \$18,675.54 more than they were entitled to.
- 12. Each plaintiff in the class action suit was entitled to \$8,224.78.
- 13. Plaintiff recovered only \$2,000.00 from the class action suit.
- 14. Plaintiff was damaged by this breach of the fee agreement in the amount of \$6,224.78.

- 15. Defendant Cook was the Plaintiff's lawyer individually.
- 16. The final judgment on Defendant Cook on the count of breach of contract is contrary to law because it was through Defendant Cook's actions in negotiating and representing the settlement, in which the law firm breached the attorney fee agreement.
- 17. The final judgment on the count of fraud is contrary to law in that the conduct of the Defendants in making false representations to the Plaintiff is not an act in performance of the fee agreement.
- 18. The final judgment on the count of fraud is contrary to law in that the Plaintiff's claim is not barred by the economic loss rule because the Defendants' fraudulent actions were independent of the Defendants' actions in breaching the contract.
- 19. Defendants breached the contract by receiving a greater percentage of the total recovery amount than they were entitled.
- 20. Defendants committed fraud outside of the scope of their legal representation and the attorney fee agreement by deceiving their client, the Plaintiff.
- 21. The scope of the Defendants' representation of the Plaintiff did not include deceiving their client with false representations about the terms of the settlement of the case.
- 22. The scope of the Defendants' representation of the Plaintiff did not include falsifying a closing statement to induce the Plaintiff to settle.
- 23. Plaintiff is entitled to a rehearing to decide the issues based on the signed

fee agreement that is to be produced by Defendants.

- 24. Plaintiff is entitled to a rehearing to decide the issues based on the conduct of making false representations to the Plaintiff.
- 25. Plaintiff is entitled to a rehearing to decide the issues based on the conduct of preparing a false closing statement.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, NEIL J. GILLESPIE, requests that the Court set aside the judgment entered on July 7, 2008, and grant a new hearing.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the above PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR REHEARING has been sent by U.S. Mail to the following this 10 day

Ryan C. Rodems, Esq. 400 North Ashley Drive, Suite 2100 Tampa, FL 33602

Law Office of Robert W. Bauer, P.A.

Robert W. Bayen, Esq.

Florida Bar No. 0011058

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NEIL J. GILLESPIE,			
Plaintiff,			
vs. BARKER, RODEMS & COOK, P.A., a Florida corporation; and WILLIAM J. COOK,	Case No.: Division:	05CA7205 C	
Defendants/			
FINAL JUDGMENT AS	TO DEFENDA	NT COOK	
THIS ACTION was heard on Defendant	s' Motion for Jud	gment on the Pl	leadings on
Tuesday, October 30, 2007 and Tuesday, July 1,	, 2008, and		
IT IS ADJUDGED that Plaintiff Neil J.	Gillespie take not	hing by this act	ion against
Defendant William J. Cook, whose address is 40	00 North Ashley I	Orive, Suite 210	00, Tampa,
Florida 33602, and that Defendant Cook go hend	ce without day an	d recover costs	from Plaintiff,
the amount of which the Court shall retain jurisc			ÖRIGINALSIGNED
DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers this day of July, 2008.		JUL 7 = 2008	
			JAMES M. BARTON, F CIRCUIT JUDGE
	nes M. Barton, II cuit Judge		
Robert W. Bauer, Esquire (Counsel for Plaintiff) Ryan Christopher Rodems, Esquire (Counsel for			

EXHIBIT
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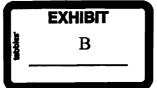
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I/We have read this contract and any documents specifically referenced herein, and agree to all terms referenced within such documents.

DATED: 11/3/2000	DATED: 11 - 3 - 2000
Alpert, Barker, Rodems, Ferrentino & Cook, P.A. Post Office Box 3270 Tampa, Florida 33601-3270	Client
813/223-4131	Client