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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA OCALA DIVISION

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**NEIL J. GILLESPIE,** 

CASE NO.: 5:10-cv-503-Oc-10TBS

Plaintiff,

VS.

THIRTEENTH JUDICAL CIRCUIT, FLORIDA, et al.

# PLAINTIFF NEIL J. GILLESPIE'S NOTICE OF FILING TRANSCRIPT

Telephone call with Krista J. Sterken, Esq., Foley & Lardner, LLP

Plaintiff Gillespie notices filing of the transcript of a telephone call from Krista J.

Sterken, Esq., Foley & Lardner, LLP, in support of his Motion To Strike or Set Aside Mr.

Rodems' Notice of Assignment of Claims And Motion for Dismissal of Action With

Prejudice, and Motion To Strike or Set Aside Settlement Agreement and General Mutual

Release (Docket 33), and in support of NOTICE of Filing Rule 22 applications to United

States Justice Clarence Thomas (Docket 44), and states:

1. On May 25, 2011 Krista J. Sterken, Esq., an associate of Foley & Lardner LLP, telephoned Gillespie at 11:55 a.m. offering legal representation in matters related to the lawsuit Gillespie v. Barker, Rodems & Cook, P.A., et al, case no. 05-CA-007205, Circuit Civil Court, Hillsborough County, Florida. Ms. Sterken was co-counsel with attorney Michael D. Leffel, Esq., a partner at Foley & Lardner LLP, who filed an amicus brief in

<u>Turner v. Rogers</u>, U.S. Docket 10-10. The original transcript of the call is submitted with this Notice. (Exhibit 1).

- 2. Ms. Sterken telephoned Gillespie with an offer of legal representation contingent upon a conflict search. (transcript, page 5, beginning line 7). Ms. Sterken was responding to Gillespie's email to Mr. Leffel seeking legal representation. (p. 4, line 14). Gillespie accepted the offer of legal representation. (p.8, line 13).
- 3. On May 26, 2011 Gillespie's email the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Hillsborough County, Florida, relative to the Clerk's determination of indigence in case 05-CA-007205 was "cc" to Ms. Sterken and Mr. Leffel.
- 4. On May 27, 2011 Mr. Leffel notified Gillespie that Foley & Lardner could not represent him. A copy of the email (Exhibit 2) and letter (Exhibit 3) are attached.
- 5. On September 27, 2011 Gillespie made a records request to the Clerk through the Clerk's Counsel Dale Bohner, for records or evidence of communication by the Clerk, or its counsel or employees, with Ms. Sterken, Mr. Leffel, or Foley & Lardner. Mr. Bohner acknowledged the request and emailed Gillespie September 28, 2011 "We will begin our records search and I will let you know the results of our search as soon as possible." As of this Notice Mr. Bohner has not responded further nor provided any records.
- 6. Neither Ms. Sterken, Mr. Leffel, nor anyone at Foley & Lardner LLP informed Gillespie of a conflict that would prevent their representation of him. Mr. Leffel did not respond to a follow-up email sent by Gillespie June 30, 2011 (also sent first class mail) requesting reconsideration of Leffel's decision not to represent Gillespie.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED September 30, 2011.

Neil J. Gillespie, Plaintiff pro se 8092 SW 115<sup>th</sup> Loop

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing was emailed September 30, 2011 to Catherine Chapman, counsel for The Law Office of Robert W. Bauer, P.A. and Robert W. Bauer. A copy was mailed by US Postal Service to Ryan C. Rodems, 400 North Ashley Drive, Suite 2100, Tampa, Florida 33602. No other party was served.

IN RE: Recorded Telephone Conversation between Neil J. Gillespie and Krista J. Sterken. RECEIVED AT: As Indicated Below DATE & TIME: May 25th, 2011 11:55 a.m. TRANSCRIBED BY: Michael J. Borseth Court Reporter **EXHIBIT** (ORIGINAL 🗳 ) (COPY

APPEARANCES: NEIL J. GILLESPIE 8092 SW 115th Loop Ocala, Florida 34481 (352) 854-7807 KRISTA J. STERKEN, ESQUIRE Foley & Lardner, LLP Verex Plaza 150 East Gibson Street Madison, Wisconsin 53703-1481 

This transcript was made from a voice recording of the home office business extension telephone May 25, 2011, at 11:55 a.m. of Neil J. Gillespie with attorney Krista J. Sterken, Foley & Lardner, LLP., Verex Plaza, 150 East Gilman Street, Madison, Wisconsin, 53703-1481.

All calls on the home office business telephone extension of Neil J. Gillespie (352)854-7807 are recorded for quality assurance purposes pursuant to the business use exemption of Florida Statutes chapter 934, section 934.02(4)(a)(1) and the holding of Royal Health Care Servs., Inc. v. Jefferson-Pilot Life Ins. Co., 924 F.2d 215 (11th Cir. 1991)

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AUTOMATED ANSWERING MACHINE: This call is being recorded for quality assurance purposes.

MR. GILLESPIE: Hello.

MS. STERKEN: Hi, my name is Krista Sterken. I'm an attorney with Foley and Lardner and I'm calling for Neil Gillsky (sic).

MR. GILLESPIE: This is Neil Gillespie.

MS. STERKEN: Hi. Sorry I mispronounced your name. I'm responding to the e-mail that you sent

1 out to Michael Leffel. We work with --2 MR. GILLESPIE: Ma'am, I'm having a hard time 3 hearing you. I don't know if it's my phone or if there is a bad connection, but could you try and 4 5 speak up. 6 MS. STERKEN: Sure. And if it continues to be 7 a problem let me know and I can just call you back. 8 MR. GILLESPIE: Well, that sounds better. 9 MS. STERKEN: Okay. 10 MR. GILLESPIE: I mean, I have a hearing 11 problem, you know, this is one reason I record my 12 calls so I can go back and listen to them to make 13 sure I didn't miss anything. 14 MS. STERKEN: Fair enough. Well, I was just 15 responding to the e-mail that you sent to Michael 16 Leffel. 17 MR. GILLESPIE: Yes. And can you refresh my 18 memory, what Amicus brief did he file? 19 MS. STERKEN: We work with -- there's a group 20 with the University of Wisconsin that focuses on 21 family issues. 22 MR. GILLESPIE: Yes. 23 MS. STERKEN: And we filed a brief for them. 24 MR. GILLESPIE: All right. I didn't get all 25 the briefs because it was just too much for me.

1 MS. STERKEN: Fair enough. Well, if you would 2 like to see a copy of that brief I can certainly 3 send it to you. 4 MR. GILLESPIE: No, I think I have it 5 downloaded. I downloaded everything that was 6 available in the Supreme Court pages. 7 MS. STERKEN: Okay. Sounds good. Well, we just wanted to let you know, you know, certainly we 8 9 would need to run conflicts and there is a process before we could agree to represent you in this 10 11 But we're certainly interested. We think case. 12 this raises an important issue. So if you're still 13 looking for representation we would love to start 14 to look at conflicts and those other issues. 15 MR. GILLESPIE: Yes, I really appreciate your 16 call. You know, yesterday I went to the -- in 17 person to the Public Defender in Tampa. 18 MS. STERKEN: Uh-huh. 19 MR. GILLESPIE: But they said that they can't 20 do anything unless they get an order from the 21 Court. 22 MS. STERKEN: Okay. 23 MR. GILLESPIE: And I filed an affidavit of 24 indigency. 25 MS. STERKEN: Uh-huh.

MR. GILLESPIE: I asked them for all that and

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1 they won't do it. 2 MS. STERKEN: Okay. All right. Well, we 3 would certainly be interested in working with you. 4 And one of the questions that I wanted to ask you 5 is whether there are any other documents associated 6 with your case that are publicly available that we 7 might be able to just review and get a sense of 8 what's happening in your case? 9 MR. GILLESPIE: Well, yes. I have scanned 10 most of the documents recently and, you know, I 11 mean, I'm not sure, maybe you could tell me what 12 documents you're looking for. 13 MS. STERKEN: Okay. You know what, let me 14 review with my partner, Michael Leffel, about what 15 specifically we would like to see. We do have your 16 Motion for Appointment of Counsel. 17 MR. GILLESPIE: Uh-huh. 18 MS. STERKEN: So we have reviewed that as 19 well. MR. GILLESPIE: I mean, I have a website with 20 21 a lot of the documents posted there. 22 MS. STERKEN: Okay. All right. Well, then we 23 can review that. And if we need anything else

we'll follow up with you. How does that sound?

That sounds good.

And I also

MR. GILLESPIE:

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1 put some of the documents on scribe. 2 MS. STERKEN: Okay. 3 I mean, this whole case has MR. GILLESPIE: 4 been a problem because the attorney representing 5 the other side has a conflict. But things really 6 just went off all sense of propriety when this 7 Judge Cook took over. She recused herself on the 8 same day that I filed a Motion for Prohibition. 9 But that was just really a problem. 10 MS. STERKEN: Right. Okay. Well, if you're 11 interested in the possibility of us representing 12 you --13 MR. GILLESPIE: I am. 14 MS. STERKEN: -- we can run conflicts to see 15 if there is any reason that we wouldn't be able to 16 represent you. 17 MR. GILLESPIE: All right. 18 MS. STERKEN: And we'll also review your 19 website and just look through the documents a 20 little bit to get a sense of what's going on in 21 your case. 22 MR. GILLESPIE: All right. Well, in 23 litigation, I have a page that says litigation. 24 MS. STERKEN: Great. Okay. 25 MR. GILLESPIE: Thank you, ma'am.

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               MS. STERKEN: Yes. Absolutely, can I give you
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          my direct number so if you want to contact me you
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               MR. GILLESPIE: Yes, that would be helpful.
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               MS. STERKEN: Let me know when you're ready.
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               MR. GILLESPIE: I'm ready.
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               MS. STERKEN: The number is 608 --
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               MR. GILLESPIE:
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               MS. STERKEN: -- 258 --
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               MS. STERKEN: -- 4227.
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               MR. GILLESPIE: 4227.
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               MS. STERKEN: And my name is Krista Sterken.
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               MR. GILLESPIE: Can you spell that for me.
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               MS. STERKEN: Yup. The first name is
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               MR. GILLESPIE: Yes.
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               MS. STERKEN: And the last name is
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          S-t-e-r-k-e-n.
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               MR. GILLESPIE: K-e-n?
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               MS. STERKEN: Yup. And I'm working with
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          Michael Leffel. He's the one you contacted.
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               MR. GILLESPIE: Okay. Well, it's a pleasure
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               MS. STERKEN: Okay. Great. Thanks so much.
               MR. GILLESPIE: Bye-bye.
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               MS. STERKEN: Goodbye.
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                 concluded.)
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# **Neil Gillespie**

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Friday, May 27, 2011 11:27 AM

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Subject:

Representation

Mr. Gillespie,

Please see the attached letter

Heidi

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### **VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL**

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Dear Mr. Gillespie:

I am responding to your correspondence to our office requesting our assistance in representing you.

Each year, we receive a large number of requests for pro bono representation and we are unable to honor all requests. We evaluate each case based on a number of factors, as well as considering the demands of our current case load, before deciding whether we are able to offer representation. For a variety of reasons, including the press of other business, we are unfortunately unable to represent you in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Leffel



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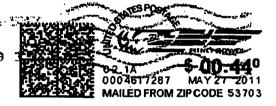
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