

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA
(Before the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar)

THE FLORIDA BAR,

vs.

Case No. SC08-326

TFB File No. 2007-51,308(17B)

SEAN WILLIAM CONWAY.
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PUBLIC REPRIMAND

Please state your full name and the place where you practice law.

Mr. Conway, you have been ordered by the Supreme Court of Florida to receive a public reprimand before the assembled members of the Board of Governors of The Florida Bar.

By order of the Supreme Court of Florida dated October 29, 2008, you were found to have engaged in professional misconduct when:

On or about October 31, 2006, you posted an entry on an internet website entitled "Judge Aleman's New (illegal) 'One-Week to prepare' policy." Judge Cheryl Aleman is a circuit court judge within the 17th Judicial Circuit, in and for Broward County, Florida. In your public posting, you made numerous derogatory remarks about Judge Aleman. The remarks were improper and impugned the qualifications and integrity of Judge Aleman. Your remarks were as follows:

- You referred to Judge Aleman throughout the internet posting as an "EVIL UNFAIR WITCH."
- You improperly questioned her qualifications by stating that Judge Aleman was "seemingly mentally ill."
- You also impugned Judge Aleman's qualifications by stating "...she is clearly unfit for her position and knows not what it means to be a neutral arbiter."
- You continued impugning the Judge's integrity by stating that ".....there's nothing honorable about that malcontent."

As the Supreme Court of Florida previously stated, "although attorneys play an important role in exposing valid problems within the judicial system, statements impugning the integrity of a judge, when made with reckless disregard as to their truth or falsity, erode public confidence in the judicial system without assisting to publicize problems that legitimately deserve attention."

Mr. Conway, your actions and unethical behavior constitute violations of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. Those rules include the Rules of Professional Conduct, and our code of ethics.

This **Public Reprimand** is now part of your permanent Florida Bar disciplinary record. You are further advised that while this **Public Reprimand** does not affect your privilege of practicing law, future misconduct will. The lawyers of Florida expect your future conduct to be in compliance with your oath and you should demand the same of yourself.

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