

**The Florida Bar  
Inquiry/Complaint Form**

**PART ONE (See Page 1, PART ONE – Complainant Information.):**

Your Name: Stephanie Kienzle

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: 7535 SW 26 Court

City, State, Zip Code: Davie, FL 33314

Telephone: 305-335-2093

E-mail: stephanie.kienzle@gmail.com

ACAP Reference No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever filed a complaint against a member of The Florida Bar: Yes  No

If yes, how many complaints have you filed? 0

Does this complaint pertain to a matter currently in litigation? Yes  No

**PART TWO (See Page 1, PART TWO – Attorney Information.):**

Attorney's Name: Michael A. Etienne, Esq.

Address: 111 NE 1st Street, Suite 324

City, State, Zip Code: Miami, FL 33132

Telephone: 954-548-1511

**PART THREE (See Page 1, PART THREE – Facts/Allegations.): The specific thing or things I am complaining about are: (attach additional sheets as necessary)**

Mr. Etienne is the elected city clerk for the City of North Miami. You can view his official web page here: [http://northmiamifl.gov/northmiamifl/Departments/city\\_clerk/etienne.aspx](http://northmiamifl.gov/northmiamifl/Departments/city_clerk/etienne.aspx)

Unfortunately, due to the fact that he is one of the few City Clerks in the State of Florida who is elected and not appointed, he does not answer to either the City Manager or the Mayor and Council. As such, his continuous inappropriate behavior has gone unchecked for years.

Today, I was the target of two vicious emails from him when a Councilwoman attempted to find out about my public records request. Both emails were sent through the city server, and I was copied on both of them. I have attached them here as exhibits.

This is not the first time Mr. Etienne has behaved inappropriately through emails (including the one that I attempted to obtain via public record but have not yet been able to open), but this is the first time he has attacked me personally. I am not a public official, or even a resident of the City of North Miami, but I am a blogger and member of the media.

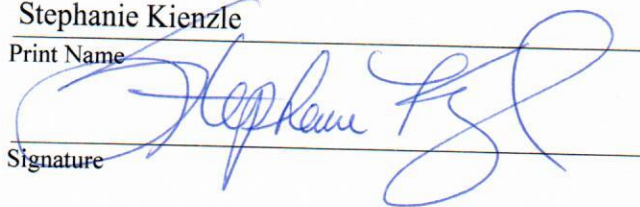
I respectfully request the Florida Bar to review this matter and take appropriate action against Mr. Etienne if you feel it is warranted.

Thank you,  
Stephanie Kienzle

**PART FOUR (See Page 1, PART FOUR – Witnesses.): The witnesses in support of my allegations are: [see attached sheet].**

**PART FIVE (See Page 1, PART FIVE – Signature.): Under penalties of perjury, I declare that the foregoing facts are true, correct and complete.**

Stephanie Kienzle  
Print Name

  
Signature

May 14, 2015  
Date



Exhibit A

Stephanie Kienzle &lt;stephanie.kienzle@gmail.com&gt;

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**Public Records Request**

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**Etienne, Michael** <metienne@northmiamifl.gov>

Thu, May 14, 2015 at 3:59 PM

To: Carol Keys &lt;keyslaw@keystitle.com&gt;

Cc: "Castillo, Ricardo" &lt;rcastillo@northmiamifl.gov&gt;, "Ghany, Aleem" &lt;aghany@northmiamifl.gov&gt;, "Alexis, Valia Lia" &lt;valexis@northmiamifl.gov&gt;, "Thomas, Stephanie" &lt;stthomas@northmiamifl.gov&gt;, Stephanie &lt;stephanie.kienzle@gmail.com&gt;, "Pedron, Rafael" &lt;rpedron@northmiamifl.gov&gt;

Honorable Keys,

As you know better than all, the clerk's department has nothing to do with records that are not stored here in the clerk's office. We only store minutes, official city contracts, ordinances, resolutions, and election administration materials. With regards to public records request, you know better than most that the staff in the clerk's office divulge records that are given to us by other departments. Address your inquiry to the appropriate department, IT. By the way, stop referring to the person complaining as the "requestor", refer to her as your good old buddy Stephanie.

Michael A. Etienne

Sent from my iPad

On May 14, 2015, at 3:02 PM, Carol Keys &lt;keyslaw@keystitle.com&gt; wrote:

Ricardo and Honorable City Clerk Etienne

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She has tried several programs, including Outlook and has been unable to open the files.

Please advise how to open these.

One shouldn't need to be a computer tech or need special software to open our files.

Thank you,

Carol Frances Keys, Esq.

Vice Mayor, North Miami Council, District 2



12700 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 401

North Miami, Florida 33181

305-891-1600

The City of North Miami is a public entity subject to Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes concerning public records. E-mail messages are covered under such laws and thus subject to disclosure. All E-mail sent and received is captured by our servers and kept as a public record.



Exhibit B

Stephanie Kienzle &lt;stephanie.kienzle@gmail.com&gt;

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Etienne, Michael &lt;metienne@northmiamifl.gov&gt;

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To: Carol Keys &lt;keyslaw@keystitle.com&gt;

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Carol,

The public records request procedures are set by the City Manager's Office through the Administrative Regulations. Rafael, Stephanie, and I informed Aleem that there were too many steps the requested information has to go through before the information gets to the clerk's office; thus, we came up with ideas to stream line the process. To date, Aleem has approved the steps we recommended to eliminate (e.g.: City Attorney review and City Manager review steps) in order to stream line the process. Accessibility to public records have nothing to do with the website link, it has everything to do with the administration and execution of the process laid out in the Administrative Regulations. Although I have no jurisdiction over what gets put in or out of the Administrative Regulations, Aleem fortunately has agreed to change the process.

As you know, we wear a badge of honor when certain people have negative comments to say about us...it simple means that we are doing our job pissing off the RIGHT WING TEA PARTY BIGOTS. You and Scott are not like those people so please do not yoke together with the likes of them. As the saying goes, "birds of the same feather folks together." You and I have been improving our relationship lately, please do not let the likes of them ruin that.

Michael A. Etienne

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**From:** Carol Keys [mailto:keyslaw@keystitle.com]**Sent:** Thursday, May 14, 2015 4:28 PM**To:** Etienne, Michael**Cc:** Castillo, Ricardo; Ghany, Aleem; Alexis, Valia Lia; Thomas, Stephanie; 'Stephanie'; Pedron, Rafael**Subject:** RE: Public Records Request

Michael

As a courtesy you were copied since this is a Public Records issue.

Yes, I do receive Stephanie's blog, which I just read and was not happy that someone requesting public records was having such a difficult obtaining. Yes, she is a "requestor" and my relationship with her is not relevant.

I had a similar discussion with someone else last week that had to run back and forth between various departments and cashier to get a public record, which was merely a copy of the Planning Commission package.

I would like to see our public records more accessible. Hopefully the new website link will help.

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