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Ms. Shanell Schuyler
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Re: Michael A. Etienne Jr.; RFA No. 15-19672

Dear Ms. Schuyler:

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. William W. Wilhelm dated June 11, 2015, in which he stated the referenced complaint was without merit and that the matter is closed.

I am writing to you for the purpose of requesting that you revisit this complaint in light of several issues, to-wit:

The City of North Miami Clerk's position is an elected office, open to anyone who (1) is an American citizen, and (2) is a bona fide resident of North Miami.

This office of City Clerk, which Michael A. Etienne Jr. holds, is not "a constitutionally created office," nor is he required to be a lawyer to hold this office.

While The Florida Bar may not have jurisdiction over an elected State Attorney, an elected Public Defender, or the Attorney General, Michael A. Etienne Jr. does not hold any of these positions.

It is my contention that the fact that Mr. Etienne does hold an elected position, The Florida Bar does have jurisdiction over any alleged misconduct on his part regarding the integrity of his position as a member of The Florida Bar. Rule 4-8.4, Misconduct, specifically states, "**Lawyers holding public office assume legal responsibilities going beyond those of other citizens.** A lawyer's abuse of public office can suggest an inability to fulfill the professional role of attorney."

Therefore, I am humbly requesting that you reconsider Mr. Wilhem's opinion that The Florida Bar has no jurisdiction over the complaint that I filed.

Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Sincerely,


Stephanie Kienzle