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Re: Application For Nomination To The Florida Supreme Court

Dear Mr. Hackleman,

In the recent January 15, 2009 "Florida Bar News" they included an announcement that applications for the nomination to be a Justice on the Florida Supreme Court are now being accepted to replace soon to retire Justice Wells.

I would now request that I be considered for nomination and in all fairness, I would ask that you do not so quickly discount my genuine desire to become a Justice on the Florida Supreme Court. As a long time (albeit involuntary!) citizen of the State of Florida I believe I am entitled to due consideration, and the following facts show that I am uniquely qualified to be a Justice on the Court.

Of course, I do understand that since I am currently a death-sentenced prisoner who has been on Florida's "death row" now for over 25 years (please see; [www.doinglifeondeathrow.com](http://www.doinglifeondeathrow.com)) there would be a predictable measure of reservations to my appointment, but to hell with the public - it's the governor's providence to appoint anyone he so chooses, and if the narrow minded public doesn't like it, they can always vote me off the Court in 6 years when I come up for a "retention vote".

The truth is that I believe (and many others would agree) that I am far more qualified than some of these brain-dead political puppets currently being appointed to the courts. I mean, let's be honest... our judiciary is no longer about serving the oh-so-naive, but arguably "novel" concepts of truth and justice. Rather, these appointments are about perpetuating the corruption of politics in our judiciary as our elected leaders pick appointments based upon political ideology rather than genuine qualifications.

Me, I'm already a convicted felon, so at least the public will know what they are actually getting rather than a wolf in sheep's clothing. To the extent that the inconvenience of my felony conviction might be an obstacle I have had a petition for executive clemency based upon actual innocence pending before the Governor (s) since Lawton Chiles was in office, and granting that "pardon" would overcome the inconvenience of that obstacle.

I do believe that our judiciary needs fresh blood and a conflicting perspective, and that my appointment would serve the interest of all Floridians. When it comes down to it, our Constitutional Democracy should be reflective of all its citizens, don't you think? The fact is that at present the United States has the highest rate of incarceration in the world. With over 2 million people imprisoned, that means that at least one of every hundred are now locked up. Add to that millions more who are under penal supervision, such as probation or parole, and the tens of millions more who although already served their debt to society are still forever disenfranchised as "convicted felons".

Arguably, our judiciary could be served by incorporating a voice that can empathize and represent this significant percentage of our population.

As for my qualifications, although I have only a 9th grade formal education, I did subsequently earn my "G.E.D." in prison, as well as completed correspondence college courses in paralegal certification and Christian Theology and for what it is worth, I am honorably discharged from the Army due to duty related disability. (Think about it - how many military veterans are presently on the Florida Supreme Court?)

More importantly, I have spent more than 20 years "practicing" law as a "jailhouse lawyer," and in fact, I probably have significantly more actual courtroom experience than most of your other applicants. In 1994 I helped found the "Florida Prison Legal Perspectives" bimonthly newsletter, and have served at least 10 years on its "advisory board".

Further, I have personally written legal briefs, and extensively litigated cases at virtually every level of the state and Federal Court system, including at least 10 pro se cases before the Florida Supreme Court and 3 cases before the US Supreme Court.

But I do believe that my most compelling qualification is that I am relatively certain that I am the only applicant that has been totally screwed by the so-called "justice" system. At present, there is not even one member of our judiciary that can relate to the incomprehensible trauma of being wrongfully convicted and condemned to death, and even facing actual execution. (please see, [www.southerninjustice.com](http://www.southerninjustice.com))

Collectively, my unique experiences and qualifications would balance the Court and add a much needed perspective. And ultimately, if I don't "play ball" with the political puppets already appointed to the Court then the Governor can just sign my death warrant, and him his judicial minion's deny a stay of execution and quickly put me to death. (Can you "legally" kill any other justice?)

So, I would ask that you give fair consideration to my application and place my name on the list of potential nominees presented to Governor Crist.

Thank you for your time. Most Sincerely,