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FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

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Honorable Charles Clark
Chief Judge
U.S. Court of Appeals
for the Fifth Circuit
245 East Capitol Street, Room 302
Jackson, MS 39201

Re: Judicial Councils, 28 U.S.C. § 332(a)

Dear Charles:

A. LEON HIGGINBOTHAM, JR.

Chief Judge

I have not yet received the final copy of the amendments to 28 U.S.C. § 332(a), and it is my understanding that President Bush has not signed the bill. If it provides that in the selection of members of the Judicial Council that circuit judges can vote for the district court representatives or that district court judges can vote for the circuit judge representatives, I would trust that the statute will be amended promptly. I can't believe that anyone wanted judges from one court choosing the judicial representatives from the other court for membership on the council. I believe that we could get unanimity among both district and court of appeals judges for such an amendment if necessary.

As always with best regards.

Sincerely,

Leon Migginbotham, Jr.

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cc:

All Chief Circuit Judges

Mr. L. Kalph Mecham

Mr. William R. Burchill, Jr.

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