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**VIA FACSIMILE**

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Honorable D. Melissa Moore Stens  
County Court Judge  
1769 East Moody Boulevard  
Bunnell, Florida 32110

Re: Canvassing Board, Flagler County

Dear Judge Moore Stens:

This is an open letter to you regarding a decision by the Board to appoint an attorney for the Canvassing Board that I request you distribute to the Canvassing Board members. You, the Board, and the rest of the community are well aware there is an ongoing investigation in the hands of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement regarding the Board and its procedures. It is quite clear to me that there are two strong, irreconcilable camps with regard to the investigation. I have been privy to documents obtained by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in this investigation and though they are but words on paper, the animus between the parties is palpable.

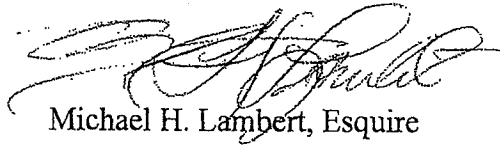
Though I have nothing against, and hardly know, Flagler County Attorney Mr: Hadeed, I would think that if the Canvassing Board is going to deliberate on the appointment and retention of an attorney, it should be someone other than him, or from his office, simply because of the appearance and documented strain between him and Flagler County Supervisor of Elections, Kimberle Weeks.

To be completely open, I represent Kimberle Weeks in this investigation, wherever it may make its way; however, I cannot see that it would be in the best interest of anyone, but most particularly the citizens of Flagler County, if Mr. Hadeed were appointed Canvassing Board Attorney. Though he may be qualified, his presence convenient, and the lack of cost attractive, the lines in the sand appear to have been drawn. It would seem to be in the best interest of the citizens of Flagler County that if a Canvassing Board Attorney is needed, that individual be someone who is disinterested, not a party or potential material witness in the current investigation.

This open letter to you is simply the product of all of the information that I have had the opportunity to review, and my simple, personal opinion that, at least in the current environment, and if a Canvassing Board Attorney is immediately necessary, it be someone who is not involved in the current investigation.

As always, I am,

Most respectfully,



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