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Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida

COUNTIES OF ORANGE AND OSCEOLA
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BELVIN PERRY, JR.
CHIEF JUDGE

JILL GAY
JUDICIAL ASSISTANT
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March 12, 2010

Raymond J. McEachern
21130 Diamonte Drive
Land O'Lakes, Florida 34637

RE: State v. William Thomas Zeigler
1988-CF-5355; 1988-CF-5356

Dear Mr. McEachern:

I am in receipt of your January 25, 2010 letter, regarding the above styled cause of action. In your letter, you indicate that you are a Citizen Advocate for William Thomas Zeigler and that, pursuant to Mr. Zeigler's authorization, you are asking this Court to assign Mr. Zeigler's Petition for DNA Testing, which is pending before the Honorable Reginald Whitehead, to another judge. As you know, Mr. Zeigler is already represented by counsel John Houston Pope, Esquire, and Dennis Tracey II, Esquire. Accordingly, because you do not represent Mr. Zeigler and you are not a party to the instant proceedings, you have no standing to seek disqualification of the Honorable Reginald Whitehead, notwithstanding any alleged authorization from Mr. Zeigler. *See Fla. R. Jud. Admin. 2.330(b)* ("Any party, including the state, may move to disqualify the trial judge assigned to the case on grounds provided by rule, by statute, or by the Code of Judicial Conduct.")

Sincerely,

Belvin Perry, Jr.
Chief Judge

cc: John Houston Pope, Esquire, Counsel for Defendant
Dennis Tracey III, Esquire, Counsel for Defendant
Jeff Ashton, Esquire, Assistant State Attorney
William Thomas Zeigler