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To: All Counsel of Record

Re: Charles J. Crist, Jr., etc. v. Lila A. Jaber, etc., et al. – Case No. SC04-9;
Harold McLean, etc. v. Lila A. Jaber, etc., et al. – Case No. SC04-10; and
AARP v. Lila A. Jaber, etc., et al. – Case No. SC04-946

Before his appointment to this Court, Justice Raoul G. Cantero, III represented BellSouth in several appeals from the Public Service Commission, as well as other litigation, as an attorney with the law firm of (now) Adorno & Yoss, P.A. until approximately 2000. Justice Cantero wishes to advise the parties of this information pursuant to Canon 3(E) of the Code of Judicial Conduct and its commentary, which provides:

A judge should disclose on the record information that the judge believes the parties or their lawyers might consider relevant to the question of disqualification, even if the judge believes there is no

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real basis for disqualification. The fact that the judge conveys this information does not automatically require the judge to be disqualified upon a request by either party, but the issue should be resolved on a case-by-case basis.

Most cordially,

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