

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF FLORIDA

IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO FLORIDA
RULES FOR CERTIFIED AND COURT
APPOINTED MEDIATORS

CASE NO. : SC05-998 P 1:52

FLORIDA SUPREME COURT

MOTION TO ACCEPT COMMENTS

The Florida Institute of Public Accounts ("FICPA") hereby moves this Court to accept comments that they have previously attempted to file for consideration in this matter and as a basis, therefore, states:

1. Because the FICPA had previously submitted comments in this matter, Ms. Sharon Press, Director, sent a letter on June 22, 2005 to the FICPA stating it could submit additional comment in this matter. A copy of Ms. Press's letter is attached as Exhibit "A".

2. On July 30, 2005, the FICPA attempted to file its comments with this Court. Unfortunately, however, the FICPA filed its comments by sending a letter to Ms. Press. A copy of the letter containing the FICPA's comments is attached as Exhibit "B".

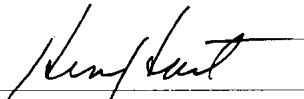
3. The FICPA now recognizes that the letter it received from Ms. Press included instructions that the FICPA's comments should be filed with the Clerk's office and should include the

case number. Unfortunately, the FICPA did not closely follow these instructions.

4. The FICPA, however, has been a participant in this proceeding and has previously submitted comments. Furthermore, the FICPA attempted, in good faith, to file its comments in a timely manner. Since the time for making comments only recently expired, no disadvantage to the parties will occur as a result of the Court considering these comments.

WHEREFORE, the Florida Institute of Public Accounts requests this Court to accept the filing of the comments shown in Exhibit "B" and to consider them in making its decision in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on September 20, 2005, a copy of the foregoing was furnished by United States mail to:

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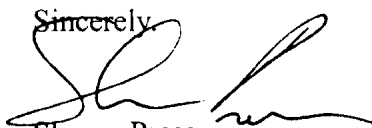
Dear Mr. Price:

You are receiving this letter because you previously submitted a comment to the Florida Supreme Court Committee on Alternative Dispute Resolution Rules and Policy on proposed revisions to the qualifications for Florida Supreme Court certification as a mediator. I am pleased to inform you that the Committee submitted their petition and recommendations for revisions to the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators to the Supreme Court on May 11, 2005. You can access the petition and all of the appendices on the Clerk's website: <http://www.floridasupremecourt.org/clerk/comments/2005/index.shtml>. From this link, scroll down the page to case number SC05-998.

If you wish to submit comments to the Supreme Court, you may do so by submitting them to:

Florida Supreme Court
Attention: Clerk's Office
500 South Duval Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1927

Comments are due by August 1, 2005. Be sure to include the case number [SC05-998]. Thank you for your interest in the revisions.

Sincerely,

Sharon Press

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EXHIBIT "A"



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July 30, 2005

Ms. Sharon Press, Director
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Dear Ms. Press:

On behalf of the Valuation & Litigation Services Section of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants (FICPA), I offer the following comments on the revisions to the Florida Rules for Certified and Court-Appointed Mediators.

The proposed changes to the mediation education experience provision of the rules should include five points awarded to any individual who is certified or licensed and has been required to pass an examination to receive their certification. The proposed revisions are prohibitive and would not allow CPAs to participate if the Florida Supreme Court increases the number of points required in this section.

If you need any additional information about the FICPA's position on this issue, please contact Jennifer Jankowski Green, CAE, Director of Governmental Affairs at (850) 224-2727, Ext. 201.

Sincerely,

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FICPA Valuation & Litigation Services Section

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EXHIBIT "B"