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The Honorable Paige Gossett
Administrative Law Judge
SC Administrative Law Court
1205 Pendleton St. Suite # 224
Columbia, SC 29201

[Sept 28, 2007]

Re: Chapman vs. DOR, Docket # 07-ALJ-17-0257-CC

Dear Judge Gossett:

I appeared on September 26, 2007 before you in connection with the above mentioned case. I was the clerical assistant to Gary Chapman, taxpayer. Based upon undisputed facts, you found me guilty of contempt of court and sentenced me to a fine of \$500.

The SC Supreme Court is very interested in your decision. Paralegal assistant to pro se litigants in SC courts is in our modern state an important issue.

The underlying issue in my contempt proceedings before the SC Supreme Court (In the Matter of Robert Clarkson docket # 2002-DE-L-0711) was the legality of my open and numerous assistance to those who represented themselves. However at that time, we had no lower court decision and not many facts on record pertaining to the real issue.

My account of the oral argument and final issue in that case can be verified by the recording and hopefully the Office of Disciplinary Council (hereafter ODC).

Mr. Ronald Urban, Chief Council for the DOR did an excellent job of putting on the record the exact facts needed by our highest court to resolve this long standing issue. I hope I entered into the record facts to support my legal arguments. However, I have two other facts.

I realize I had unpopular political, economical and legal opinions but I hope I have been open, candied and honest. For sound reasons, the issue of paralegal assistance is ready to be resolved.

In my opinion, your verbal order is exactly what the Supreme Court wants to finish the case as described in their May 25, 2004 order. Therefore I request a written order memorializing your verbal order.

Then I will make a Motion for Rehearing with an affidavit on management of cases and other facts. Then your final order will frame the issues. In my opinion, the ODC will not disagree with this letter.

I have assisted in writing motions and briefs in thousands of cases, mostly in federal court. The DOJ said that the volume of my work was “simply unbelievable”. See my website www.patriotnetwork.info at Patriot Cannon achieves.

Before your decision, no court has made a decision on my legal advice and assistance to those who represent themselves. However, I am operating in a grey area which needs a definitive decision.

Mr. Urbine who is (IMHO) exceptionally able and the ODC can contest my brief so that the Supremes can establish the limits of paralegal assistance. The current law on paralegals writing briefs is unknown, unclear or outdated. In my opinion, due to rapid change in our modern society, economy and education levels of the general population, the issues (problems?) of self representation with non licensed assistants will grow.

After decades of research and thought, I am convinced my position will prevail. The statistics are overwhelming on my side. I fully expect our supreme court to adopt the current state of affairs and provide guidance for the lower courts.

All the lower courts now accommodate non-lawyers on their managing their own cases, as this court does. The SC judicial system is leading the way in adjusting for the wave of non lawyers. In my opinion based upon three decades of experience, the trial courts exercise their discretion and the system operates just fine. However, I do not know of any formal decision on unlicensed assistance.

As well known, I do not charge any money in assistance for political cases.

I do not want to appear as a smarty or an unnecessary trouble-maker, but I would like to request a delay in this court’s verbal order on the fine. However, I will obey the Judge’s order on managing cases, which I deny doing. However, that term is unclear and my conduct may be in the grey area. I will continue assisting Mr. Chapman but will be very careful to stay outside of the conduct prohibited by this court.

Mr. Chapman has committed no crime and has the right to assistance as long as he is the decision maker. Defendant has Constitutional Rights to protest government.

If the courts final order limits my Constitutional rights, I will make a formal request for a stay. I am confidence that the numbers on the attached sheet alone would qualify me for a temporary stay.

I deny that in twenty nine year of assistance to the pro se litigants that I have ever managed a case, controlled a case or made the final decisions. My Patriot friends are hard headed Conservatives, with ideological beliefs and are heavily armed. I am afraid to make decisions for others or managed a case that I might lose.

After I was found guilty with undisputed facts, I requested that this Judge issue a written order. This court responded that I would receive a copy of the transcript. Thusly, I could see what the Judge ordered and stop contemptuous conduct, if any. In my opinion, the court’s verbal order was clear and what we need to go to the Supreme Court.

However, I do not now have a copy of the transcript and I must guess at what the Judge said. I request that I do not be unnecessarily charged with violating the Judge's order until I have a copy of the transcript or, preferably a written order.

In conclusion the statistics on the attached sheet are so overwhelming on my behalf the no court would rule against me even though I might need to clarify what I am doing.

Yours,

Robert B. Clarkson

Cc: Urbine @ DOR and Richardson @ ODC