



# The Florida Bar



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Honorable James T. McGrady III  
14250 49th St. N.  
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Dear Chief Judge McGrady:

As you know, there has been intense media coverage concerning allegations of fraud in foreclosure cases, including references to circuit court orders that have found misrepresentations in filings by lawyers. Both The Florida Bar and our courts have a mutual interest in these serious allegations, however, we haven't received many complaints about this misconduct from the judiciary. In fact, oftentimes we have learned of these matters only from the media. Although recent coverage concerns foreclosure fraud, The Florida Bar is interested in any and all cases in which judges have found attorney misconduct.

We are asking you to request your Judges to copy The Florida Bar with any Order that finds members of The Florida Bar have conducted themselves contrary to the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. I can assure you that we will act on these matters pursuant to our rules and discipline procedures.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if there is any assistance or information we can provide, and thank you for your help in assisting us with maintaining the dignity of our profession, and the public's confidence in our judicial system. With kindest regards, I am

Respectfully,

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