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Mr. Keith Stutes
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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Dear Mr. Stutes,

Please be advised of concerns that I have regarding the candidacy of Mrs. Vanessa Waguespack Anseman.

Article 5, Section 24, part 1 of the Louisiana Constitution states: "A judge of the supreme court, a court of appeal, district court, family court, parish court, or court having solely juvenile jurisdiction shall have been domiciled in the respective district, circuit, or parish for one year preceding election and shall have been admitted to the practice of law in the state for at least the number of years specified as follows: (1) for the supreme court or a court of appeals-ten years."

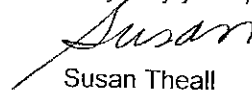
I first became aware of the questions regarding Mrs. Anseman's eligibility in news articles published by the Independent on Thursday, February 23 and again on Friday, February 24, 2017. In the news article, Mrs. Loretta Larsen, executive director of the LSBA, advised the Independent that as a result of Mrs. Anseman's failure to pay her fees and file required forms she was certified not eligible to practice on May 31, 2013. She regained her eligibility to practice law on January 13, 2017. She was admitted to the practice of law on October 10, 2003; thus she has 9 years and 233 days of eligibility and not ten years.

I am asking the Office of the District Attorney to initiate an action, in accordance with its plenary power, to enforce the provisions of Article V, Section 24 of the Louisiana Constitution, to find that Mrs. Anseman lacks the constitutional qualifications for the office of Judge, Court of Appeal, election district 3b, and to request a mandatory injunction compelling her to formally withdraw her candidacy. Please review the case, State of Louisiana vs. Carolyn Deal, 150 So. 3d 966(La. App. 3rd Cir 2014) and Carolyn D. Deal v J. Phil Haney, et al, 158 So. 3d 35(La. App. 3rd Cir 2014).

Should you have any questions, please contact my office.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,


Susan Theall

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