

May 17, 2012

Honorable Martha J. Cook
Circuit Court Judge
Hillsborough County Courthouse
800 E. Twiggs St., Room 511
Tampa, FL 33602


Re: July 21, 2011 letter to Your Honor

Dear Judge Cook:

As you know, on July 21, 2011, I wrote you a letter concerning my objections to you presiding over foreclosure cases, posted it on my blog, and discussed your personal situation with the Tampa Tribune. The purpose of this letter is to apologize for the inappropriate manner in which I handled the situation. Although my concerns about you presiding as a judge in foreclosure cases were sincere, the manner in which I voiced those concerns was misguided. It was not my intention to question your integrity or prejudice any proceeding before you. With the benefit of hindsight, I now see that my concerns should have been handled differently.

Please accept my humble apologies.

Sincerely,



Mark P. Stopa, Esq.