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Subject: Re: Letter to Martin County Bar regarding Judicial Delays in 19th Circuit

Please pass this on to your boss. Thank you for the email and attachments. I read them with great interest. Last night 1-6-2005, our bar association and library support group sponsored a legislative reception for our state and county representatives. We did this to recognize them for the work done on the Article V transition and to garner continued support for our law library. We mailed out 280 formal invitations, a majority of these to members of our bar. Not counting the three circuit judges in attendance, Chief Judge Roby, Judge Ben Bryan, and retired Judge Rupert Smith, and 7 state and county elected officials, Sen Ken Pruit, Rep Joe Negron, Rep Gayle Harrel, and three county commissioners and our tax collector, I counted only 8 members of the bar including myself in attendance. Judge Roby spoke passionately regarding the need for those additional judges recommended by the Supreme Court. It was a very fine evening on the veranda of the SLC courthouse but attendance by members of our bar was pathetic. Mr Bowdish's comment resonates convincingly with me regarding attorney apathy as one of the causal factors for the low priority of the civil docket in the 19th.

✓ The civil docket is fouled on the criminal docket and family law docket. The pressure of the judges to move the expanding criminal law and family law dockets cannot be contained without the judges applying a defacto moratorium on civil cases. We have some very good judges here but this lack of action by the legislature to immediately add more judges to the bench is like a slow squeeze that has become a direct assault on the third branch. Looking forward, something has to be done. I forwarded your email with attachments to our bar president, Ian Lloyd, and our email list. Ian is one of the eight who attended the legislative reception. Perhaps someone on the list will pass along via email a useful anecdote you can present to the Supreme Court panel in Miami.

Collegially yours

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