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The Honorable Thomas Dart
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In re: Detainment of Myself and the Confiscation of My Sheriff's ID Which Enables Me Easy Access to the Court Houses to Conduct Business, a Privilege Granted Every Attorney in Good Standing in Illinois.

Dear Sheriff Dart:

I write to plead with you to please reconsider the actions taken by your office against me today November 9, 2011. I do need the Id. Without the Id for easy entry into our court houses, it will be a real hardship for me to represent my clients all over Illinois Courts. The long lines and delays at the security checkpoints are a hardship for a lawyer who has to appear in court virtually everyday and even several times in a single day, especially when my opponents will not have to go through the same hardship. I use the Id throughout Cook County, sometimes they even accept the Id from me in far away counties as Will County, Rock Island County, for quick and easy entry into the courthouses.

I totally share your office's concern for safety. But the concern is unwarranted in my case as I pose no threat of physical harm to anyone, and I have done nothing wrong. As an officer of the court I should think I am entitled to due process before you single handedly take this type of action against me. I am not above the law. If I have done something wrong then articulate it, give me a fair hearing, and if I am truly guilty of anything, then take the necessary adverse action. But I have done nothing wrong to warrant this action Sir.

Yes, often akin to a lone voice in the wilderness, I have been legally fighting against corruption when I started practicing heavily in the insurance dominated area of our courts at the Daley Center. I have no problems with the majority of the judges I have appeared before, but a

few judges were clearly, in my subjective view, corruptly influenced by the insurance companies and their attorneys as it showed in their conduct, legal reasoning, and rulings. Sir, because I have been legally fighting for fairness and justice in our courts within our courts, some of those powerful and connected individuals I had to go against and their powerful sympathizers within our court system and its parastatals, have apparently marked me down for retaliation and/or destruction by searching for anything “behind the scenes” to use against me, including staging events such as happened yesterday in courtroom 2204. They figure if they are unable to totally bury or suppress my claims, then they must discredit and destroy me collaterally. I have called for an open public and transparent investigation into my claims but they are unable to open a public and transparent investigation into my claims or refute my claims openly where public opinion honest and fair minded people may weigh in and come to my defense. My fight is a peaceful, non-violent, and justified legal fight on behalf of my clients who put their faith and trust in me and hired me to represent their interest in life issues and on behalf of myself their advocate by trade who was also harmed along with them as a result of the wrong doing we suffered. Compared to the insurance heavy weights and their lawyers we are nothing and can be swept aside-so they think. Any normal human being that went through what my clients and I experienced will most likely fight as I am fighting for myself and my clients who are aggrieved.

The Cause of Social Justice in Our Society of Today Demands that Somebody That Sees Wrongdoing Speak Up against Unfairness and Injustice that we experience and See Without the Kinds of Reprisal I Now Write You About. If you are now saying that the sanction for a lawyer advocate speaking up is for the Sheriff, a agent of the Government, to now pretextually tag the lawyer a threat of physical harm to a judge so as to curtail the lawyer’s privileges, then that is telling to where we are going in terms of fairness and justice in our society. In a sober reflection I ask, on whose side should the Government’s agent, the Sheriff be: those challenging corruption or those engaging in corruption?

To give you a background, I refer you to the Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Illinois Supreme Court that I filed in the United States Supreme Court on October 24, 2011. I also refer you to the 3 emergency motions I plan to present in Judge Brewer’s’ courtroom on November 10, 2011 at 9:15 a.m. I invite you to be present in court tomorrow to see things with your own eyes.

Here is what happened today:

At about 11:00 a.m. this morning, I was entering the Daley Center Courthouse Building to file three (3) emergency motions in part to challenge the conduct of Judge Eileen Brewer towards me in her courtroom on November 8, 2011. I noticed everyone except judges had to be screened including lawyers. As I passed the metal detector and screening on the North East end of the building, I was approached by a Sheriff’s deputy whose name tag read Kowalski or so. He asked for my Sheriff’s Id, and I gave it to him. He directed that I must follow him and I obeyed. He was courteous towards me. I was concerned about what was happening. He took me down the escalator into their office in the basement and told me to wait there. I waited for a while even though it seemed like forever as I stood there by myself. Then some more uniformed officers

came in and took positions in the room. Lieutenant Kristin Marunde then proceeded to approach me to tell me that they are confiscating my I.D because a judge asked me to leave her courtroom yesterday. Lieutenant Marunde did not articulate any wrongdoing on my part other than “a judge asked me to leave her courtroom yesterday”. Right there before I left the office, I raised my right hand and made a Pledge to all of your officers that I do not pose a threat to anyone, that I understand their concerns, and I will not disappoint them, that they have my Word on that.

When your Sheriffs released me to go, I again had to go back in line through the security screening again. I again passed the metal detectors and the security screening. I went to the 8th floor and filed stamped the three emergency motions I plan to present in court tomorrow. After file stamping the motions, I went to Judge Eileen Brewer’s courtroom 2204, knocked the door of her court clerk and gave her court clerk the courtesy copies of the three motions I plan to present in her courtroom tomorrow, as I was doing this, again three sheriffs-one in white uniform, and two in black uniforms appeared. The officer in white uniform asked me to get out of the courtroom. Now what have I done to justify this? Do I really pose a threat of physical harm to anyone? Is truth that threatening?

Honorable Dart, in fairness, I understand the Sheriff’s office’s concerns and responsibility for safety. I am a firm believer that the safety of Judges is of the highest priority and should be guaranteed at all cost. The problem I have with this is what has my activities got to do with physical threat to anyone other than a judge staging an encounter? Have you seriously considered the scenario in which “under the pretext of concern for a judge’s physical safety” your office may actually be unknowingly chilling those who are working for the betterment of society by challenging wrong doing when you put the weight and might of your office behind the real wrong doer in order to suppress challenge to wrong doing? In essence, your office throws out the baby and the bath water under the pretext of getting rid of the bath water. In this analogy the bath water is safety which you and I completely agree on. The baby is ID privilege I have and how it impacts my ability to get into the courthouse to practice and advocate for my clients. You are harming me and my clients, hence, Society, when you chill that by erecting obstacles for me getting into our Courts when I have done nothing wrong. I like to ask, should there not be a threshold articulation of wrongdoing by me before you can take this kind of negative action against me for doing nothing wrong? As a lawyer advocate hired by a litigant, if a judge does something wrong should I from now on just keep quiet for fear of losing my Sheriff’s ID or yet another privilege? Should you not even hear my side of the story before pulling my ID?

All that happened yesterday was staged and orchestrated by Judge Eileen Brewer for her own purpose. I saw through it and took no part in it. Judge Brewer needs to explain why she did it. The escalation she expected did not happen as I saw through her scheme and took no part in it. Judge Eileen Brewer needs to answer some serious questions as to her conduct and motivation. I invite the Sheriff’s office to now conduct a Honest, Transparent, Open Investigation into this matter. This is a situation in which Judge Eileen Brewer who is doing wrong uses her authority to direct the Sheriffs assigned to her courtroom to do her bidding. That is reprehensible. The fact that Judge Brewer controls the Sheriffs, and I do not, does not make her right and does not make her conduct moral, ethical or even legal. **Might does not Make Right. Right Makes Right.** A

courtroom is a public place. You cannot exclude a member of the public from a courtroom for doing nothing wrong-just because you know he has challenged corruption. If Judge Brewer believes anything I have written or said regarding my accusations of corruption is not true, then she should challenge me openly and provide for a forum to discuss this openly so fair minded people can weigh in on the controversy.

We Are All Human Beings. The Fight Against Corruption Is Not Only My Fight, it Is Every Descent Human Being's Fight. Evil Can Only Prevail in Our Society When Good People Do Nothing, Say Nothing, and Take the Position That this Does Not Concern Me. With All Due Respect, If You are a Descent Human Being, The Fight Against Corruption Concerns You. A Judge Getting Back at Me for Summing up the Courage to Challenge Corruption in Our Courts Is Illegal Retaliation. Its Illegal Intimidation. Corruption Is Evil. It Destroys Those in its Wake. I Will Not Go Down and Be Destroyed Without a Fight. But My Fight is a Peaceful Non-Violent Fight Within Our System. I Will Never Be Intimidated. I Call for and Welcome an Open Honest Transparent Investigation By Your Office or Anyone Else. There was a court reporter in court yesterday when this happened. I did nothing Wrong. Bully Tactic Was Directed at Me Yesterday in Judge Brewer's Courtroom. The Escalation she anticipated did not happen because I simply refused to cooperate in her scheme.

As a result of what happened yesterday, you are now further punishing me the victim by pulling my Sheriff's Id. That is not unfair to me. I have done nothing to deserve this. If you want I will order the transcript of the hearing and mail you a copy. I have also included my three motions for tomorrow. After reading my motions, you should get a sense of what happened yesterday. I ask that you please reconsider this decision.

Sir, on my Word and Honor as a Human Being, I personally pledge to you, your entire staff, and Everyone that I am a Man of Peace and Justice. I have never posed, I do not pose, and I will not pose a threat of physical harm against any Human Being Anywhere. I would like to meet with you personally to discuss your understandable concerns, my concerns, and give you my personal assurances. Your understandable actions can be chilling to those who want to turn on the light in a dark place.

I will be contacting your office soon to follow up on this matter as your unilateral action in pulling my ID negatively impacts my ability to represent my clients in our courts. I have had the Sheriff's ID since 1996. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

'Lanre O. Amu
Attorney at Law

CERTIFICATION

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, 735

ILCS 5/1-109, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief, and as to such matters therein stated the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that s/he verily believes the same to be true.

<u>'Lanre O. Amu</u>	<u>/s/'Lanre O. Amu</u>	<u>11/9/11</u>
Name	Signature	Date

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Enclosure:

- * Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Illinois Supreme Court filed on October 24, 2011
- * Plaintiff's Motion for Substitution of Judge as of Right
- * Plaintiff's Motion for 28 days to respond to defendants' 2-619 motion to dismiss.
- * Plaintiff's Counsel 'Lanre O. Amu's Motion for Judge Eileen Brewer to Cease and Desist The Consistent Pattern and Practice of Abuse Towards Attorney 'Lanre O. Amu or Voluntarily Recuse Herself from All of Attorney 'Lanre O. Amu's cases.