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Supreme Court of California
350 McAllister Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

In re: Letter in support of Charles Benninghoff
Charles Benninghoff v. Superior Court ,
Real Party In Interest: The State Bar of California
Supreme Court Number: S141459
Appellate Number: G035923

To the Court:

This letter is in support of Charles Benninghoff's request for review and reversal of the matter in Benninghoff v. Superior Court.

As one of the people of California I invite the nisi prius Supreme Court of California and its officers to review and reverse the above matter for the following reasons:

Mr. Benninghoff has been the subject of vindictive prosecution from the State Bar of California which has a well publicized reputation for politicized prosecutions. When then-Assemblyman Bill Morrow negotiated a more restrictive law to reign in the Bar, he said, "I want to make sure the bill is airtight. If it was any other organization, maybe I could trust them."

This issue is of great public interest, and gaining momentum. If justice is not done now, the State's short run gains will be lost in the long run. The Supreme Court is in a position to nip it in the bud. From my point of view, the Bar, as an agency within the Judicial Branch is disrespecting the Separation of Powers doctrine, and dragging the Court with it. I invite the Court to follow the famous examples of the *Marbury vs. Madison* and *Dred Scott vs. Sandford* cases to decree that the Bar and the lower court did not have jurisdiction when ruling on the qualifications of anyone to practice before either of their sister branches of government.

This position has its precedent in the Judicial Branch's own practices. Although the Business and Professions code requires attorneys to be licensed, there are to my knowledge no licensed attorneys in California. The Supreme Court (a court of record) has long ignored that rule and applied the centuries-old common law precedent that any court can and may determine on its own authority the qualifications of anyone to practice before it. Consequently, when granting permission to practice law to an attorney, the Judicial Branch does not allow usurpation by the Legislative and Executive branches to set the qualifications for attorneys who appear before the Court.

For those reasons, as one of the people of California, I invite the nisi prius Supreme Court of California to review and declare the judgment coram non iudice, nunc pro tunc.

Respectfully submitted,



William R. Thornton

PROOF OF SERVICE

In Orange County

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

I, Nancy L. Benninghoff, declare:

I am a citizen of the United States, a resident of Orange County, and am over 18 years of age. I am not a party to the within entitled action. My business/residence address is:

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On March 27, 2006 I served a copy of the attached:

Letter of William R. Thornton and Dated March 22, 2006

by placing a true copy thereof, enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid, in the United States mail at Mission Viejo, California , addressed as follows to:

Party or Attorney At Law

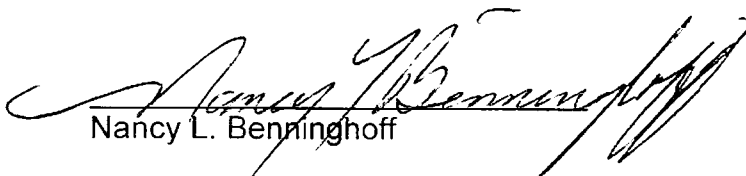
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I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATE: March 27, 2006


Nancy L. Benninghoff