

MARTIN P. SHACHAT

JUDGE

DADE COUNTY SMALL CLAIMS COURT

DADE COUNTY COURT HOUSE

MIAMI, FLORIDA 33130

January 8, 1965

Honorable Farris Bryant  
Bryant, Freeman, Richardson & Watson, Esqs.  
711 Barnett National Bank Building  
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Farris:

Now that you are out of Public Office I felt constrained to comment on your recent appointments to the Judiciary.

You did, in my judgment, do a great disservice to the people of Dade County by failing to elevate Judge Kay Nathan to Circuit Court.

Judge Nathan was the founder, organizer and the inspirational head of the hardest working Court, bar none, in Dade County. Whether it be on the basis of qualifications, competence, or just plain political patronage, it seems inconceivable that you could have bypassed him.

Certainly, if you contemplated offering yourself again for public service, perhaps as United States Senator, your latest Judicial appointments could be your political death-knell in Dade County.

In almost the twelve (12) years that the Dade County Small Claims Court has been in existence not one Judge has ever been elevated.

Thus the Small Claims Court continues to be a dead end to Judicial advancement.

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It certainly might have been more cogent and logical to elevate those from the lower Judiciary to the higher, than to appoint those with no Judicial experience to the highest Trial Court.

I certainly wish you well in your new law practice.

I am, with kindest personal regards to you and yours,

Sincerely,



MARTIN P. SHACHAT

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