

February 20, 2020

Dear Ms. Kaltenbach:

Thank you for contacting Governor Ron DeSantis.

The Florida Constitution limits the Governor's intervention in matters that should be resolved through the court system. The person who can best assist Mr. Behrens with his legal concerns is an attorney. The Florida Bar offers a Lawyer Referral Service which you may contact by calling toll-free (800) 342-8011, or by writing to 651 East Jefferson Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-2300. You may also visit the Florida Bar's website at www.floridabar.org. The state attorneys operate independently of the Governor's Office, and as elected officials, they answer to the voters of their individual jurisdictions.

The Judicial Qualifications Commission (JQC), an independent agency created by the Florida Constitution, considers situations where it is alleged that a judge's personal conduct and behavior violated the Code of Judicial Conduct. Unless the judge has violated the Code of Judicial Conduct, the commission cannot review cases where individuals disagree with judges' decisions. For additional information or to contact the Commission, please use the contact information provided below:

Judicial Qualifications Commission
Post Office Box 14106
Tallahassee, Florida 32317
Telephone: (850) 488-1581
Online: www.floridajqc.com
E-mail: contact@floridajqc.com

Your best source of assistance with a complaint about an attorney is the Florida Bar. The primary purpose of the Florida Bar is to ensure the highest standards of professionalism in the practice of law for the benefit of members and the public. Complaints may be filed in writing at the address below:

The Florida Bar
650 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2300
Toll-free Telephone: (800) 342-8060
Online: www.floridabar.org

In Florida, each county's Clerk of the Circuit Court is an elected constitutional officer whose authority and responsibilities are set forth in the Florida Constitution and Florida Statutes. Each Clerk of the Circuit Court operates independently of the Governor's Office and, as elected officials, answer only to the voters in their individual jurisdictions.

Thank you again for contacting Governor DeSantis.

Sincerely,

Tyler Andrew
Office of Citizen Services
Executive Office of the Governor