THE STATE OF IDAHO SUPREME COURT



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Dave Glasebrook

Moscow ID 83843

Re: Request to Meet with the Chief Justice

Dear Mr. Glasebrook:

We have received your letter, addressed to the Chief Justice, concerning possible misuse of computers, and other alleged misconduct, by members of the staff of the University of Idaho. You have requested a meeting with the Chief Justice and with Governor Otter on this matter.

While I understand your concerns, we must decline your request for such a meeting. The Chief Justice and the other justices of the Supreme Court have the responsibility of hearing cases that come before them in the proper legal manner. The Chief Justice does not have any authority to directly enforce the law; that is the responsibility of the executive branch of government. Further, the Chief Justice's participation in any such discussion might violate Canon 3(b)(7) of the Idaho Code of Judicial Conduct, prohibiting ex parte communications concerning a pending or impending proceeding, and would place him in the position of having to disqualify himself from any subsequent proceeding that might arise from this dispute.

I hope you will understand the necessity of our decision to respectfully decline your request.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Henderson

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