

DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST DISTRICT
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February 08, 2021

CASE NO.: 1D20-1178
L.T. No.: 20-CA-552

Daniel W. Uhlfelder

v.

The Honorable Ron DeSantis, in his
Official Capacity as Governor of the
State of Florida

Appellant / Petitioner(s),

Appellee / Respondent(s)

BY ORDER OF THE COURT:

Pursuant to Rule 3-7.8, Rules Regulating The Florida Bar, the Court directs the State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit, in the name of the State of Florida, to file a motion to discipline Daniel W. Uhlfelder, the respondent attorney, for the following putatively unprofessional conduct that has been made known to the First District Court of Appeal:

On February 6, 2021, following an order of this court issued February 5, 2021, referring the respondent attorney for possible misconduct to The Florida Bar in Case No. 1D20-1178, the respondent attorney was quoted by the Tallahassee Democrat as stating: "I do find it interesting that this opinion attacking my critiques of Gov. DeSantis appeared just two days after I launched a (political) committee to remove Ron DeSantis[.]"

This statement may violate Rules of Professional Conduct 4-8.2 and 4-8.4; the statement may also violate the Oath of Admission to The Florida Bar, and also may constitute indirect criminal contempt.

A copy of this order has been delivered to The Florida Bar, along with the February 5, 2021, order.

B.L. THOMAS, KELSEY, and TANENBAUM, JJ., concur.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is (a true copy of) the original court order.

Served:

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Marie A. Mattox

William Gautier Kitchen
Hon. John L. Miller, Judge

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Hon. Kevin J. Carroll, Judge

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