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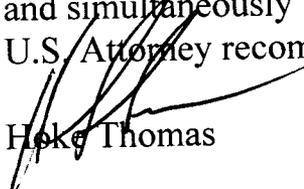
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Subj: Reply to your January 29, 2015 return of my information regarding the Illegal taking of my Snapping Shoals properties and water rights via a Smith, Welch & Brittain authored mail-order quitclaim for said law firm's solicited, pro bono client and the stealing of privately owned property from an adjacent location and transferring ownership of both the quitclaimed and stolen properties to the Henry County Water and Sewerage Authority with the aforesaid Henry County law firm representing both clients

Ref: (a) Georgia Department of Law letter of January 26, 2015
(b) Thomas Brothers letter of February 2, 2015, in reply to reference (a)
(c) Document: "Attorneys Autonomously Misbehaving"

1. I am in receipt of subject materials. I pray that you actually took the time to review the materials before returning them. If reference (c) does not convince your Court that attorneys for both Newton and Henry Counties are guilty of misuse of taxpayer monies, simultaneously being paid to represent both counties respectfully on matters of WATER; while at the same time using "insider information" to operate a most monetarily enhancing private business, then not only myself and my Newton County business, but the taxpayers of both aforesaid counties might as well continue to open our pocket books and forfeit our first Amendment Rights to what amount to Rogue Attorneys.

2. My humble request to your Court is please review your previous decision on the law suit "The Henry County Water and Sewerage Authority vs Thomas Brothers" and simultaneously forward this letter and supporting materials to the office of the U.S. Attorney recommending a full investigation into subject matter.


Hoke Thomas



**SUPREME COURT of GEORGIA
CLERK'S OFFICE
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NAME: Hoke Thomas

DATE: JAN 29 2015

The Rules of the Supreme Court of Georgia are available on our website at www.gasupreme.us. Please note Rules _____. We no longer have paper copies available for distribution.

I am sorry that I can not help you with the answers to your questions. Employees of this Court may not give legal advice to litigants.

I do not find an appeal of yours pending in this Court in which to file your papers.

This office does not have forms of any kind for distribution.

Your recent letter to Justice _____ has been forwarded to this office for a response. The Justices can not advise you as to how to go about trying to solve the problem you describe. The Justices may consider cases pending in the Court, but may not advise litigants or discuss cases with them, except within authorized procedures.

This Court is unable to supply copies without charge. If you will remit the cost of copying, we will send you the documents you requested. The charge for these documents is \$ _____.

A pauper's affidavit cannot be accepted in lieu of payment for copying charges. Pauper's affidavits can only be used for costs for filing an appeal or an application for appeal.

Filing of a pauper's affidavit requires a finding by the trial court judge of pauper status and entry of an order so stating. This is not automatic with the filing of your affidavit.

Neither this Court nor any other court in this state is subject to the open records act.

In order to seek appeal of a habeas corpus case, two filings must be made, both within 30 days of entry of the judgment sought to be appealed. OCGA § 9-14-52 (b). Please note Fullwood v. Sivley, 271 Ga.248 (Case No. S99H0240, decided June 2, 1999). The application should explain where the habeas trial court has erred in making its decision in ruling on your habeas case.

Appointment of counsel is a matter that should be addressed to the trial court.

A petition for mandamus should be filed in the superior court rather than this Court. If the ruling in the trial court is adverse, you may then file an application to appeal to this Court. Please note Brown v. Johnson, 251 Ga. 436 (1983). You will need to check with the trial court clerk on any rules or requirements for filing there.

Petitions for certiorari must be filed within 20 days of the denial of the motion for reconsideration or within 20 days of the judgment, if no motion for reconsideration is filed. Since the Court of Appeals acted in your case on _____, the time for filing a petition for certiorari in this Court has passed.

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Perhaps, you should write to Stephen Bright, Southern Center for Human Rights, 83 Poplar Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

You may write the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council if you are without counsel or with counsel with whom you have become dissatisfied. The address is: Ombudsman, Georgia Public Defender Standards Council, 104 Marietta Street, Suite 200, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Questions concerning your conviction may be raised for judicial review by filing a habeas corpus petition in the trial court in the county in which you are incarcerated. That court will review the issues you raise, and, if you are not satisfied with the result, you may petition this Court for a review of the judgment. Forms may be obtained from the Warden.

I am returning your documents to you for your further use.

Please note that any documents to be filed in this Court must have a certificate of service attached showing the name and address of the person on the other side of the case to whom you have sent a copy of your filing.

Therese S. Barnes, Clerk



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January 26, 2015

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RE: Water Rights

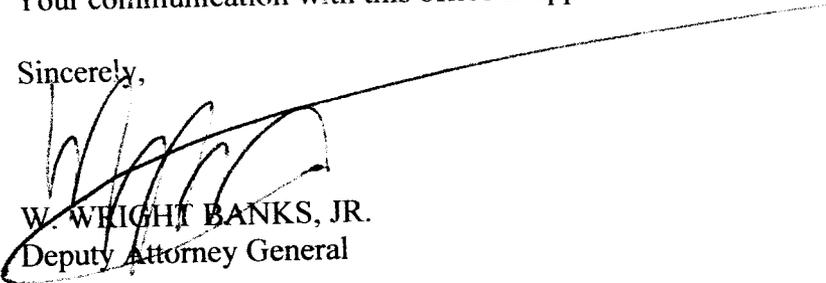
Dear Mr. Thomas:

Our office has received your correspondence in the above-referenced matter. Please be advised that the State Law Department is precluded from rendering legal advice to private individuals or companies.

Since this matter is out of the jurisdiction of our office, you may wish to contact private counsel to assist you. Although the State Bar of Georgia is not authorized to refer individuals to lawyers, it may be able to refer you to a lawyer referral service that can help you find a qualified private attorney. For additional information, contact the State Bar of Georgia, 104 Marietta Street, Suite 100, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, tel. toll free (800) 334-6865.

Your communication with this office is appreciated.

Sincerely,



W. WRIGHT BANKS, JR.
Deputy Attorney General

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February 2, 2015

To: The Georgia Department of Law
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From: Hoke Thomas
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Subj: Reply to your recent letter of January 26, 2015, RE Water Rights

Ref: Document, "Attorneys Autonomously Misbehaving", copy included

1. Sir, thank you so much for replying even though your office is precluded from rendering legal advice to private individuals or companies. I will take your suggestion and contact the State Bar of Georgia @ 800-334-6865. My reason for seeking pro bono assistance is due to the fact the Smith, Welch and Brittain attorneys representing the Henry County Water and Sewerage Authority created a 3 year plus lawsuit against my small family owned business causing said business to spent all the operating capital on fruitless defensive legal fees in Thomas Brother's attempt to regain ownership of the properties and natural resources that said brothers purchased 34 years ago in 1976 and 1977.

2. The fraudulent and illegal misuse of taxpayer monies by both the Newton County Attorney and the Henry County Water and Sewerage Authority Attorney has now been exposed to the public. Hopefully, it is only a matter of time before the FBI investigates both aforesaid Counties. Since the bogus lawsuit against my 34 year old Newton County business is connected to both of the aforesaid attorneys and the respective counties that they represent, a pray that your agency will take another look at my request.

Sincerely,



Hoke Thomas

ATTORNEYS AUTONOMOUSLY MISBEHAVING

During the last week of January 2015, three TV news channel WXIA reporters began a series of reports on the annual, but hourly, monetary earnings of the Newton County Attorney, Thomas Craig. The Newton Citizen Newspaper also published an article. In a failed interview attempt with said Craig, the WXIA news reporter stated facts surrounding a mystery as to why or how the 38 year veteran County attorney remains on an hourly, not a retainer fee and has carte blanche access to the monetary coffers of the Newton County taxpayers and furthermore said carte blanche privileges endorsed by the Newton County Board of County Commissioners. A comment was made that attorney Craig, while having other business interest, earns more annually from Newton County than the governor of Georgia is paid from the entire state.

Years ago Craig's office influenced the Newton County Water and Sewerage Authority to forfeit their most precious responsibility to procure a raw water source and resulting potable water supply and sign-over the aforesaid responsibility to the Newton County Board of County Commissioners. Hence said Water Authority became a distributor, not a supplier of the most precious commodity in the County WATER. Such an agreement with the Water Authority, via the BOC, placed the County attorney's office in control of the water supply for Newton County, further adding to attorney Craig's responsibilities and resulting earnings.

The aforesaid attempted interview eluded to the fact that attorney Craig earns or averages about \$500.00 per hour or \$20,000.00 per week or about \$1,200,000.00 annually in past calendar year 2014 from Newton County alone. This is a lot of money, and according to the failed TV interview, the client numbers and the receipts for the associated expenses or billings, are nowhere to be found. Lastly, attorney Craig owes the IRS millions of dollars in withholding taxes and has spent over \$21,000,000.00 of taxpayer monies on a purposed raw water, pump storage reservoir that continues to be a "dry hole". Pursuant to the WXIA information and other newspaper articles, one could easily surmise that the Newton County Attorney is a "monetary wreck".

But before any further judgment can be placed on attorney Craig or the lack of responsibility by the Newton County BOC in controlling and documenting attorney Craig's financial dealings, the Newton County citizens need to look to the South over across the South River into Henry County, where the monetary escapades of the Smith, Welch & Brittain law firm's attorney A.J. Welch, Jr., representing the Henry County Water and Sewerage Authority for about as many years as attorney Craig has represented Newton County and the waters of the

Newton County Water Authority; said attorney A.J. Welch, Jr.'s dealings both in and out of Henry County make the Newton County Attorney's million dollar annual earnings look like a Piker.

According to Henry County Deed Book 8339, pages 288-292, tax map and Parcel 170-01002002(2.2) recorded as a LIMITED WARRANTY DEED on 8-1-2005, a Bunn and Henry Cork (aka attorney A.J. Welch, Jr.) sold 545 acres of Tussahaw Creek Reservoir lake front property at \$15,000.00 per acre to a Mark Connor. One calendar day later on 8-2-2005, this same Mark Connor re-sold the same property to a subsidiary of Duke Power Company for \$20,000.00 per acre as a WARRANTY DEED, as recorded in Deed Book 1100, pages 197-203 for the same tax map and Parcel number. As Bunn and Cork recorded their transaction as a LIMITED WARRANTY DEED; Mark Connor recorded his transaction as a WARRANTY DEED, this placed all the liability or guarantee of said transactions on Mark Connor, not Bunn and Cork. Such a deed recording move is nothing more than "legal "trickery. The "rest of the story" is that attorney A.J. Welch, Jr. while simultaneously being paid to represent the Henry County Water and Sewerage Authority and using said Welch's own Smith, Welch & Brittain law firm as closing attorneys conducted the \$15,000.00 per acre transaction while Mark Connor used a different law firm by the name of Epstein to close said Connor's \$20,000.00 per acre transaction. To make a long story short; Bunn and Cork, in conjunction with a now convicted felon, Mark Connor, made a joint, gross profit of approximately \$10,360,450.00 in selling taxpayer funded enhanced lake front property in and around the newly developed Tussahaw Creek Reservoir for \$20,000.00 per acre, but previously purchased as barren land for only \$990.00 per acre.

During the time these most fortunate \$10,360,450.00 monetary aspirations were full-filled for the 3 aforementioned profiteers, the Henry County taxpayers and The Henry County Superior Court approved revenue bonds in the amount of approximately \$60,000,000.00 to construct the Tussahaw Creek Reservoir. *Comparing attorney Craig's \$1,200,000.00 annual earnings to the Bunn/Cork/Connor \$10,900,000.00 deal at Tussahaw Creek, makes attorney Craig look like a Saint.*

Obviously, it pays to know the location of upcoming county municipal WATER projects and be paid to legally represent the same. Per my personal experience with the Henry County Water and Sewerage Authority, said Water Authority and its Smith, Welch and Brittan attorneys will clandestinely steal your Newton County property and natural resources and transfer ownership, without notice or payment of said assets, to the Henry County Water and Sewerage

Authority. If you object, as the Newton County Thomas Brothers did, using Henry County taxpayer monies, the Smith, Welch and Brittain attorneys will sue you and still take your assets. The longer the Smith, Welch & Brittain initiated lawsuit persist, the more money the taxpayers are required to pay the attorneys. "What a way to make a living!"

To the best of my knowledge, the Newton County Attorney has never committed such illegal, fraudulent things to any citizen of Newton County, not even in his (attorney Craig's) pursuit of the ever illusive Bear Creek Reservoir. *However, attorney Craig's office did approve of the Henry County Water and Sewerage Authority, under the direction of the Smith, Welch and Brittain law firm, to take my (Thomas Brother's) Newton County properties and natural resources (WATER), without notice or payment, and transfer ownership of same to the Henry County Water and Sewerage Authority. This is unbelievable!*

The facts are in, with much accuracy, one can honestly conclude that the common dominator between attorney Craig's Newton County law office and that of attorney A.J. Welch, Jr.'s Smith, Welch & Brittain Henry County law office, is WATER. WATER has made both attorney Craig and attorney A.J. Welch, Jr. very wealthy individuals. **Without the WATER issues, both attorneys would be reduced to mere attorneys looking for the next lawsuit.** *Regretfully, in my opinion the two aforesaid attorney's monetary fortunes were made at taxpayer expense.* I am honestly of the opinion that while most of us hard working citizens are daily working to make a living, we (citizens) are constantly being exploited by the very attorneys paid to protect our County monetary assets, unintentionally assisted by the belated BOC members as they are also appointed or elected by the working class citizens, charged with the goal of prudently managing said citizens tax dollars and supplying said citizens with an economical supply of WATER.

Regretfully, these attorney driven monetary escapades have been conducted for so many years in both Newton and Henry Counties that such actions have now become the norm and after addressing both County's BOC board members many times in the past about the very same situations as now displayed by the WXIA reporters, my complaints and requests to both BOC boards were never recognized or even given a courtesy reply. This I do not understand! Therefore, in my opinion, neither aforementioned County has the fortitude or will to immediately stop the unnecessary drain on the monetary coffer of each respective county, or to investigate and prosecute the same.

I along with many other residents or business owners within both aforementioned Counties request a total Federal Investigation by the FBI into the fraudulent, clandestine use of taxpayer monies by the aforesaid attorneys.

Like many other citizens of both Newton and Henry Counties, in the past, I served in the U.S. Military. The oath of allegiance included the wording to defend the U.S. against all enemies both foreign and domestic; are attorneys using “self-acquired” carte blanche monetary liberties and having a modus operandi of practicing the role of Power Brokers with respect to Georgia’s natural resources (WATER), to be considered domestic enemies or as the Henry County Superior Court has recently deemed such attorneys, as conducting “Sharp Business Practices” in Henry County against the Newton County citizens? What has happened to the morality of both the aforesaid Counties? Where are the citizen’s First Amendment Rights?

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