

Is Chief Justice Robert R. Thomas involved in Professional Misconduct?

Lately, Chief Justice Robert R. Thomas of the Illinois Supreme Court has set a professional agenda that all attorneys should act as professionals. As judges are also attorneys, this also applies to judges, and especially to Justices of the Illinois Supreme Court. Being a professional includes full compliance with the Rules of Professional Conduct and all case law that applies to attorneys.

On June 14, 2004, Justice Thomas was informed that certain attorneys and judges were engaged in professional misconduct, in a copy of a press release sent directly to him. A copy of the press release can be found at <<http://www.clr.org/Press.Release.Justice.Thomas.2004-05-14.pdf>>.

Under Illinois Supreme Court case, Skolnick v. Altheimer & Gray, and other relevant cases, an attorney/judge/justice has an absolute and affirmative duty to, and has no discretion not to, report the professional misconduct of another attorney/judge to the ARDC. Failure to report is a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct and is professional misconduct.

Justice Thomas knew of the professional misconduct of other attorneys and judges shortly after June 14, 2004, but he has not complied with the Public Policy of the State of Illinois.

How can an attorney seriously consider Justice Thomas words, when Justice Thomas does not follow his own suggestions? Is he engaged in collusion with, conspiracy with, partnership with, aided and abetting, and connivance with other attorneys who violate the professional standards created by the Illinois Supreme Court?

CLR suggests that Chief Justice Robert R. Thomas is engaged in professional misconduct.