

**REPORT BY THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATORY COMMITTEE
TO THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL
OF THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT**

DOCKET NO. 07-05-351-0085

**In the Matter of G. Thomas Porteous, Jr.
United States District Judge
Eastern District of Louisiana**

Response to Reply Memorandum

Submitted

December 10, 2007

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On December 5, 2007, the Special Investigatory Committee to the Judicial Council of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (“Committee”), through Chief Judge Edith H. Jones, received the “REPLY MEMORANDUM” (“Reply”) from G. Thomas Porteous, Jr. (“Porteous”).

Porteous’s Reply breaks no new legal or factual ground, and for that reason the Committee re-urges its original Report submitted on November 20, 2007. Nevertheless, the Committee addresses some of the arguments raised by Porteous, as follows:

The Porteous Reply may be divided into two areas of argument:

1. alleged procedural defects, including a laches claim; a claim that he was unable to examine certain witnesses; and a claim of disability due to anxiety depression; and
2. alleged substantive issues involving the lack of evidence to support the allegations in the Complaint¹ filed by the U.S. Department of Justice (“DOJ”) and the Charge² filed by the Committee, to wit:
 - a. bankruptcy fraud and violations of the order of the Bankruptcy Court;
 - b. bank fraud involving a loan at Regions Bank;
 - c. receipt of cash, gifts, and other forms of remuneration;

¹ See Exhibit A to Index of Exhibits attached to Confidential Report.

² See Exhibit B to Index of Exhibits attached to Confidential Report.