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IN RE: The Notice of Appeal timely filed by Clarence L. Vance on March 13, 2007, in the identified Criminal Cases, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 603, as a matter of right, and in the form specified by Supreme Court Rule 606(d), as amended September 1, 2006.

Dear Clerk of the Illinois Supreme Court:

Your **Notice** of March 23, 2007 and March 29, 2007, (copy of each enclosed) do both state categorically that the subject Notice of Appeal: " . . . *will not be filed and docketed in the Supreme Court for want of compliance with Supreme Court Rule 303(b)(3)*".

That statement appears to be an inadvertence in that Supreme Court Rule 303, as per the copy included with your March 29, 2007 **Notice**, applies exclusively to "*Appeals from Final Judgments of the Circuit Court in Civil Cases*" (Emphasis added). As is demonstrably set forth by the subject Notice of Appeal, said appeal is a Criminal Appeal.

On what basis does the subject Criminal Appeal require " . . . *compliance with Supreme Court Rule 303(b)(3)*"? Is there any respect in which Supreme Court Rule 303 is pertinent to the subject Criminal Appeal? - **OR** - Does, in fact, said **Notice** dated March 23, 2007 and March 29, 2007, respectively, comprise an inadvertence?

It is my understanding that the subject Appeal in the identified Criminal Cases is explicitly provided for by Supreme Court Rule 603 and that said timely filed Notice of Appeal satisfies all pertinent requirements established by Supreme Court Rule 606(d), as amended effective September 1, 2006, and that the subject Appeal is to be docketed in the Illinois Supreme Court as required by Supreme Court Rule 606(f).

In keeping therewith, I am enclosing the returned copy of my timely filed Notice of Appeal

which accompanied your March 23, 2007 **Notice**. I am also enclosing my returned DOCKETING STATEMENT and my returned check to cover the \$25.00 docketing fee, each of which accompanied your March 29, 2007 **Notice** and a copy of the Criminal Case Order appealed from. Said DOCKETING STATEMENT contains a PROOF OF SERVICE on those named therein.

If my understandings are incorrect, please timely provide information to correct those understandings.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence L. Vance

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Enclosures