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PERSONAL/FOR ADDRESSEE ONLY

Lancelot U. Armstrong
Broward County Main Jail
P.O. Box 9356
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

RE: Your Inquiry concerning Michael Joseph Satz
The Florida Bar File No. 2006-51,003(17I)

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

This office is in receipt of your inquiry/complaint against the above-referenced attorney.

Mr. Satz is currently serving as the State Attorney for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, a constitutionally created position. The Supreme Court of Florida has ruled that it does not exert disciplinary jurisdiction over attorneys who are acting in the capacity of a constitutionally created office that requires membership in The Florida Bar during the period of time in which that individual occupies that position. Thus, The Florida Bar has no jurisdiction to investigate and discipline such constitutionally elected state officials.

If you wish to pursue this matter, the Commission on Ethics may be able to assist you. You may correspond with that office at Post Office Drawer 15709, Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709.

Sincerely,

Adria E. Quintela
Chief Branch Discipline Counsel

AEQ/hc

cc: Michael Joseph Satz, w/enclosure
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