



FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF VIRGINIA
CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF NORFOLK

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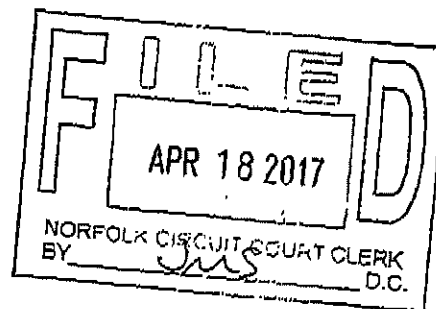
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JUDGE

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RE: **Wilbur Z. Llaven, et al. v. People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, et al.**
Civil Docket No. CL15-11874

Dear Gentlemen:

I did not adequately address the misbehavior that occurred at yesterday's hearing.

When we were admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court of Virginia, we each took an oath requiring that we demean ourselves professionally and courteously.

Mr. Hirschkop fell far short of that aspiration in calling Mr. Robb a "liar" in open court and stating that he was "not fit to practice law." The statements were not only unprofessional and discourteous, they were contemptuous. Should there be a repetition of such conduct I will be compelled to remove Mr. Hirschkop as counsel for PETA, impose a sanction authorized by *Code of Virginia* § 18.2-457, or both.

Sincerely yours,

Everett A. Martin, Jr.
Judge

EAMjr/mls

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