

To: The Honorable Judicial Committee



I am Donald Brandt of Olar, South Carolina. I've lived in Bamberg County all my life. I have six daughters. Five of my daughters are well educated and have elected to be in professional fields. My wife and I took in three girls shortly after we got married. We lost a thirteen month old baby in an accident.

I started my own business at age 25 and took care of my family as well as others in need. MY wife and I invested all of our life's savings for third ownership of 3400 acres in Aiken County. I had been in smaller deals with Don Houck. We both used attorney Elizabeth Gooding. Our understanding was that I would put up all our savings which consisted of \$916,266.15 for one third ownership of the 3400 acres and would finance \$250,000.00 with Edisto Farm Credit. Ronald Summers of Edisto Farm Credit told me that my two partners, Don Houck and Johnny Godney were "stretched out", and they had to have my \$900,000 plus more to even close the deal. It came to my attention that Elizabeth Gooding, our attorney, hadn't even prepared for this closing. I went to her office at 8:00 AM and left at 5:30 PM. Gooding never furnished me with a closing statement, just a simple disclosure. I found out shortly after closing, by my attorney, Jack Early, that Gooding gave Don Houck, well over \$300,000 at the closing without my knowledge. I went to see Elizabeth Gooding and asked her what was going on. "Oh, I did it like Don Houck had told me." She then said I had to go see Don Houck and work it out. I told Gooding, "No. I don't". I also told her that she, Don Houck, and Edisto Farm Credit, Ronald Summers, were involved in a conspiracy against me. These corrupt acts started at the closing on December of 1995 and ended on July of 2011. I fought those corrupt lawyers for 16 years. My family spent over \$ 3,600,000 on what the S.C. Supreme Court finally said was a misdemeanor.

Judge Burch threw out my malpractice case against Gooding. He never read any of the depositions. Judge Burch has done so many wrongs towards me and my family that it would take a book to expose what he has done. There is something wrong when a man goes to prison three times, never having been arrested, arraigned or even served a warrant and read his rights.

I believe that Judge Bunch has continued to be biased to many other people also. When a judge says in open court that he doesn't care about the American way of life it is wrong. He also commented that he didn't care what he or any other lawyer did wrong. It is sad to know that the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Burch's kangaroo court in Allendale, S.C. Judge Burch's unethical acts, bias misconduct, prejudice, and disregard for the Constitution should be a matter of great concern to the public. He also allowed Gooding's lawyers to bring into court Judge Goodstein's sealed order and allowed it to be placed into the record. He didn't care how Judge Goodstein had ruled. We certainly don't need a judge that is biased and refuses to obey the laws of the land.

If a man doesn't stand up for what is right, he will fall and gain nothing. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to expose this judge for the person that he really is.

Donald Brandt