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Re: John Alden Bauer, III v. Beaufort Co. Sch. Dist.
Appellate Case No. 2016-000955

Dear Ms. Allen:
I have a question.

I received a letter from Drew Davis, General Counsel for Respondent, in which he objects to my use of verified email, i.e. readnotify.com. (I use that for "Certificate of Service" etc., along with US Mail, which I thought was now appropriate for the courts in South Carolina.)

Question: Since Mr. Davis is employed by Respondent and since I am the Appellant should this correspondence be filed with the Court of Appeals? This case has more than its share of filings, but I guess that I must respond to the inordinate attention my case has elicited.

I hope that you are having a Happy New Year.

Very truly yours,



John Alden Bauer, III

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Re: John Alden Bauer, III v. Beaufort Co. Sch. Dist.
Appellate Case No. 2016-000955

Dear Mr. Davis,

Re: Your email letter of January 4, 2017

In your email letter of January 4, 2017 you wrote, "You recently began using ReadNotify.com". I purposely have disclosed that I use readnotify.com with my emails so that the recipient is not *blindsided*. It is not "recent." You were present at the hearing, months ago, with the honorable Marvin H. Dukes III when I mentioned that I was using such a service. Judge Dukes, David Duff, nor you expressed any concern.

Please note that I send Certificate of Service in the same manner. No one has objected. (See attached)

Also note that verified email such as readnotify.com is a common practice for attorneys and used for digital forensics. There are various sources for this--try William Mitchell Law Review, Vol. 38, Iss. 1 [2011], Art. 8. Apparently systems such as readnotify.com are currently used at all levels of law enforcement.

Perhaps a request to the Attorney General for an opinion is warranted.

Your email-letter of January 4, 2017, was non-specific. Perhaps you can help me with the following:

1. You wrote that you had a discussion with the SC State Bar. With whom was the discussion and what was the outcome? I asked you this several days ago via non-verified email. You did not respond. Did you receive the email? Is that question not reason enough to use verified email?

2. Why do you object to verified email such as readnotify.com? It is information that should be public from a governmental unit. It serves a similar purpose as Certified Mail at a fraction of the cost and seems to be increasingly common.

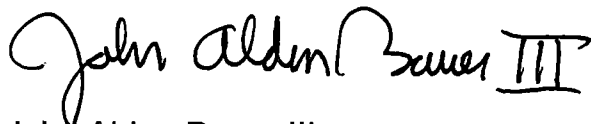
3. You said that you did a review of readnotify.com and may begin blocking these emails. What kind of review? What in your review justifies blocking my emails?

5. What is the objection to tracking "email reading history" for a public entity while such tracking is disclosed? You have improperly forwarded some of these emails to legally barred entities--but I have made no objection. It may be illegal, but I did not feel harmed.

6. Why the threat of an injunction? Based on what? There seems to be no "irreparable harm" to anyone by using verified email and there is no "public interest" in hiding (criterion 4 for an injunction) anything conducted in the public arena.

I am happy to correct anything that I do that is inappropriate when I have a applicable citation.

Very truly yours,



John Alden Bauer III

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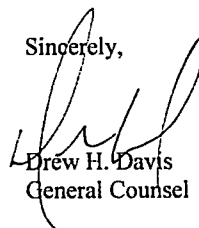
Re: Use of Third Party E-Mail Service

Dear Mr. Bauer:

As you are aware, you recently began using ReadNotify.com, a third party e-mail service, to notify you when e-mails you send are read and/or forwarded and to track the reading history of e-mails sent to counsel for the BCSD and/or others. After review of the ReadNotify.com services and upon discussion with the South Carolina State Bar, the Beaufort County School District ("BCSD") will begin blocking e-mails sent to BCSD recipients routed through this third party service, effective immediately. I request you cease using this third party service for e-mails sent to the BCSD.

The BCSD will continue to allow e-mails from your personal account which are not routed through this or another third party service which allows you to track the e-mail reading history. It is my hope the BCSD will not be forced to seek an injunction against your use of this third party service.

Sincerely,



Drew H. Davis
General Counsel

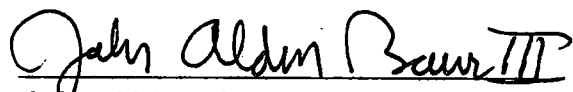
cc: Dr. Jeffrey C. Moss, Superintendent
Mr. David Duff, Duff, White & Turner

This is only an example

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE VIA US MAIL
AND VERIFIED ELECTRONIC MAIL

The undersigned, John Alden Bauer, III, pro se, certifies that he has served the following Counsel of Record with the foregoing MOTION TO PRESERVE CLAIM OF ERROR by making a copy of same, via verified electronic mail, and via US Mail, postage prepaid, and return address clearly indicated to the following on the 3rd day of October, 2016.

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