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Dear Honorable Clerk:

I am in receipt of your letter dated November 8, advising me of the Court's Order denying the State's motion to dismiss and giving me the deadline of December 3<sup>rd</sup> to serve and file a record on appeal. I am a bit confused about the ROA, the final brief and the reply brief.

Rule 211 seems to conflict with Rule 208(a)(3). I had been waiting a reply brief from the Respondant thinking that they would file a return brief to my amended initial brief. If I have read 211(a) & (b) correctly I have only 20 days to file my final brief after I serve the ROA, and the final brief has to be the exact same brief as my amended initial brief, with the exception of references to the ROA and other than typographical corrections, "No other changes may be made."

This seems very redundant and in conflict with 208(a)(3). My ROA lists only the eight indictments complained of and my entire trial transcript. I think that I will also include an affidavit to explain the origins of the indictment copies. I have planned to use footnotes added to copies of my amended initial brief that references to the ROA. It would be a lot of work to rewrite the initial brief. We are still working caveman style here without computers and printers.

I am still confused as to whether I will have an opportunity to rebut the State's response to my amended initial brief. I was given a printed copy of *Evans v St. Gil* SE2d 510. Upon being able to read this case through thoroughly I realize that I had misapprehend it to some degree. As a result of the limited time we get to read cases on the only two computers with access to Westlaw Online in the law library, I had been concentrating on only the "headnotes," and failed to comprehend the full import of this case. If you read only the headnotes, and there are about 15 or so, it seemed to support my case and this affected how I argued my brief.

Is there a proper way for me to submit a supplemental brief to explain or is it possible to rework and resubmit another amended initial brief?

We get only two - 2 to 3 hour periods, one day a week to access our law library and since our SE2d books go only to about volume 568, 2003, any State case has to be read on one of these two computers we have. We cannot print anything and have to handwrite cases which is time consuming. This has impeded my efforts to do due diligence in putting together my briefs. This disparity in resources between inmates and the A.G.'s office is truly a David and Goliath conflict and seems most unfair.

Enclosed with your letter was also the notice letter that you now scan the documents submitted to the Court. Does the scanner application convert handwriting to computer text and does this allow us to submit only one copy to the Court and a notice of filing and a proof of service to the A.G.'s office? This is how the federal courts deal with filings, the A.G.'s access them online.

Lastly, as a point in etiquette, is this Court made up of Judges or Justices and are they addressed as Judge or Justice? There are a lot of things like this I don't trust to be answered by a library Clerk here.

I apologize for my lack of knowledge in these matters and I greatly appreciate your assistance with my case and these questions of procedure.

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Sincerely yours,  
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