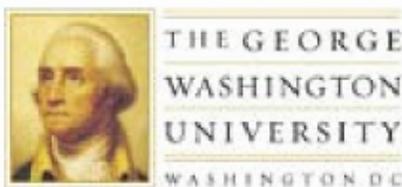


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June 12, 1985

Re: No. 84-1379 - Diamond v. Charles

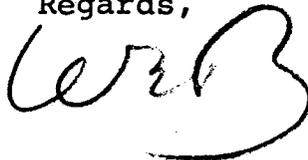
MEMORANDUM TO THE CONFERENCE:

I have not acted on the problem John raised as to the Attorney General of Illinois because it is more complicated than it first appeared.

I enclose Al Stevas' memorandum which reveals that, albeit clumsy and incomplete, the attempt was made to delete the Attorney General's name from the face of the papers; the text material, however, was not fully corrected.

We can discuss this Thursday.

Regards,



Supreme Court of the United States
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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE JOHN PAUL STEVENS

June 5, 1985

Re: 84-1379 - Diamond v. Charles (granted 5/20)

Dear Chief:

In the current issue of the National Law Journal there is a story about this case in which the statement is made that the Attorney General of Illinois did not authorize the appeal. The jurisdictional statement shows his name both on the cover and on the signature page.

Even assuming that the mistake may have been made in good faith, is this not the kind of misconduct by counsel that should at least prompt an inquiry on our part, either to counsel who filed the misleading jurisdictional statement or to the Attorney General, or perhaps to both?

Respectfully,



The Chief Justice

Copies to the Conference