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Sir:

I called the VCLL this morning to inquire if it was now open to self-represented litigants. An unidentified individual placed me on hold. Another individual who refused to identify herself then came online and informed me that predicated upon a phone call several weeks ago wherein I objected to the VCLL being made available to members of the bar but not self-represented parties, has been determined "abusive" and I have been permanently banned from the library.

I have a First Amendment right to express my opinion to any government official. Access to legal material has been held to be equivalent to Constitutional rights to access to the courts. VCLL has published no definition of "abusive" and applies it arbitrarily. Excessive sanctions have been imposed without any proceeding, eviscerating my due process rights. Damages have commenced accruing as of today's date because I have been denied access.

I herewith demand my VCLL privileges be reinstated forthwith. Should they not, there is no question a USC Title 42 § 1983 action will ensue in Federal court. Both threshold predicates, Federal question and damages in excess of \$75,000.00 can be satisfied.

Regards,

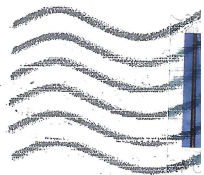
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