SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

No. 18-KK-1395

STATE OF LOUISIANA

VERSUS

ANDRE FRANCIS, ET AL

ON SUPERVISORY WRITS TO THE CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT, PARISH OF ORLEANS

CRICHTON, J., additionally concurs and assigns reasons:

I join in the per curiam in its entirety. I write separately to note my concerns regarding one of the briefs submitted to this court and to remind counsel to defendant Nelson of La. S. Ct. Rule VII, §7. It provides:

Section 7. The language used in any brief or document filed in this court must be courteous, and free from insulting criticism of any person, individually or officially, or of any class or association of persons, or of any court of justice, or other institution. Any violation of this rule shall subject the author or authors of the brief or document to the humiliation of having the brief or document returned, and to punishment for contempt of the authority of the court.

In my view, the document (which describes a former codefendant as a "psychopath" and the State's plea agreement with a former codefendant as "a deal with the devil") comes perilously close to violating Rule VII, §7.