

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL
REGULAR MEETING**

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**SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF

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Honorable Udine, Mayor and Commissioners
Broward County
115 S. Andrews Ave., Room 409?
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Re: November 15, 2022 Agenda 22-1750 Naming of Courtroom

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, NAMING COURTROOM 15150, LOCATED AT THE BROWARD COUNTY JUDICIAL COMPLEX, IN HONOR OF MICHAEL MOSKOWITZ AS "THE MICHAEL MOSKOWITZ COURTROOM"

Mayor and Commissioners:

I live in Broward County since 1946 and have been a practicing lawyer in Broward County since 1962. I am a Life Member of the Broward County Bar Association. Naming to honor is good for dead judges who toil for years in the judicial system. For example, Judge George W. Tedder Sr. honored the short stretch of S.E. 6th. Street where he was a Judge for 36 years. Another was his son, former Broward Chief Judge George Tedder Jr. There are many, many deceased lawyers whose names are in the Southern Reports and should never be named in a courtroom because they were not judges. Pioneering Black lawyer W. George Allen? No, but the BCBA building? Absolutely. Long time Broward County Attorney John U. Lloyd? No, but the County Attorney suite, absolutely. Mike Satz and Howard Finkelstein their names should never be affixed to a courtroom. The north wing of the Broward County Judicial Complex is now known as the Judge Thomas J. "TJ" Reddick, Jr. North Building in honor of the former judge and founder of the TJ Reddick Bar Association is a worthy honor.

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It is bad business for the name of anyone who was not a judge to have his or her name affixed to a Courtroom. **Mike Moskowitz was never a Judge.**

One of the dangers of engaging in this practice is if a firm still uses the lawyer's name. If I were representing a client in a case against the firm of Moskowitz Mandell Salim & Simowitz, and the Courtroom was affixed as "THE MICHAEL MOSKOWITZ COURTROOM". If I had any proceeding scheduled in that room against that firm, I would immediately move to change the room.

Mike Moskowitz was a *mensh* - but never a judge.

I respectfully request that the Commission find some other way to honor Mr. Moskowitz' many accomplishments, other than naming a courtroom after him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Wood Jr.", written in a cursive style.

GAYLORD A. WOOD, JR.

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cc: Broward County Bar Association