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# THOMPSON ASKS SUIT REHEARING

## Denied Right of Freedom of Religion, He Says

Mayoral candidate A. Roswell Thompson has filed a petition asking a rehearing of a federal court suit against The Times-Picayune Publishing Corporation and Ashton Phelps, its president and publisher.

The suit in which Thompson sought damages of \$50,000 as well as an injunction against the publication of The States-Item newspaper charged that the candidate was discriminated against by being excluded from participation in a series entitled "The Mayor Candidates Quiz" which appeared in The States-Item.

Federal district Judge Alvin B. Rubin dismissed the case for lack of jurisdiction.

In his petition for rehearing Thompson claims that he was denied his constitutional right of freedom of religion by the court.

"Under this right of 'Freedom of religion' I ask and demand that this right be recognized in the above case. My

case has tried and judged before a judge of the Jewish faith which by religious rights forbid. My authority is the sacred Holy Scriptures upon which all public officials of high office must take an oath and swear to uphold our original Constitution of the United States. Accordingly this nation accepts the Holy Scriptures as the highest authority over this country. If this is not so why then do the public officials swear upon the Holy Bible under oath to uphold the constitution of the United States.

"I use the Holy Bible as the highest authority of this nation to cite why a judge of the Jewish faith cannot judge my case. I Corinthians, Chapter Six (6), verses one through six tells us no lawsuit of the Christian is to be brought before a pagan. I also add that the title of these verses in the Douay Challoner text (Roman Catholic bible) 'No

lawsuits before pagans.' Pagan 'non-Christian,' the petition in its broadest sense means claims.