

RULE OF LAW REVOLUTION

Legislative Candidate's Pledge

1. I pledge allegiance to the Constitution of the United States of America, to the sovereign Republic established thereby, and to the just and equitable Rule of Law thereunder. I affirm for the People all the liberties guaranteed therein; for the People and the States, all the powers reserved thereby; and for the Federal Government, all the limitations guaranteed therein.
2. I admit and affirm that the powers of the office I am seeking, and of the legislative body in which that office resides, are strictly limited to those authorized by the Constitution or Charter that established the office.*
3. I pledge that if I am elected, I will not act outside the limited powers of the office, even if the Executive or Judicial branches, or the people themselves, or any interest, whether foreign or domestic, should insist that I can or should do so. I will follow the Rule of Law, and not the rule of popular opinion. Should the law prove inadequate or unjust, I will work to change the law accordingly, but shall obey it strictly until it is lawfully changed.
4. I pledge to make the fullest lawful use of the "checks and balances" powers of the office I am seeking, as set forth in the Constitution or Charter, in order to see to it that the *rest* of the government is also held strictly accountable to the Rule of Law. If I am vested with powers of confirmation, I will confirm only such candidates for appointment as genuinely share the spirit of this pledge. If I am vested with powers of impeachment, trial of impeachment, censure, or punishment or expulsion of other members of the body in which I serve, I will aggressively endeavor to use these powers to oppose all those whom I find to be in bad behavior while in office, voting solely on the basis of the law, and without prejudice or partiality. If I am vested with investigative powers, I shall endeavor to use them to the fullest possible effect in routing out governmental disobedience to the Constitution or Charter.
5. I pledge that I will never vote in favor of a law that I have not first read in its entirety.
6. I affirm that I have read the U.S. Constitution at least once in its entirety in the last year. If the office I am seeking is in State government, I affirm that I have also read my State's Constitution at least once in its entirety in the last year, as well as the U.S. Constitution. If the office I am seeking is in the county or city government, I pledge that I have read the Charter of that government at least once in its entirety in the last year, as well as the U.S. Constitution and my State's Constitution.

*(For any elected official of the Federal Government, this would be the Constitution of the United States. For any elected official of a state, it is the State's own Constitution. For any elected official of a county, parish, city, town, or township, the founding charter is the generally called a charter.)

WARNING: Do not take this pledge if you do not intend to abide faithfully by it. ROLR plans to track the behavior in office of all ROLR Candidate Pledges. Violations of the pledges will be thoroughly documented in a persistent record.

PAUL DEKKER

Candidate's Name (Printed)

2010-11-02

Date of Election

2010-04-25

Date of Signature

U.S. CONGRESS

Office Sought (Examples: "U.S. Senate" or "County Commissioner")

53rd CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Area to be Served ("3rd Congressional District of FL", "Leon County, FL, etc.)

Paul Dekker

Signature of Candidate