Democrat Senator Sheldon Whitehouse Hit with Bar Complaint For 'Openly Threatening' Supreme Court

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Judicial Watch filed a bar complain against Democrat Senator Sheldon Whitehouse after he openly threatened the Supreme Court in an amicus brief that warned the Supreme Court to "heal" or face drastic restructuring by packing the court with more justices. Records indicate that Senator Whitehouse is listed as 'inactive' with the Rhode Island bar and is not licensed anywhere else, leading Judicial Watch to allege that he engaged in the unauthorized practice of law when he filed the brief.

Conservative watchdog group Judicial Watch hit Democrat Senator Sheldon Whitehouse with a bar complaint after he openly threatened the Supreme Court.

A couple weeks ago several Democrat Senators issued a stunning warning to the Supreme Court — "heal" or face drastic restructuring.

The demand came in an amicus brief filed in court two weeks ago by Senators Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Richard Durbin (D-II), and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) regarding New York's current gun laws.

Judicial Watch filed a bar complaint and alleged Senator Whitehouse "violated the Rhode Island Rules of Professional Conduct by attacking the federal judiciary and openly threatening the U.S. Supreme Court."

Fox News reported:

"[T]he brief Senator Whitehouse filed was unbecoming of the legal profession as it is nothing more than an attack on the federal judiciary and an open threat to the U.S. Supreme Court," Judicial Watch's complaint said.

The brief — which also bore the names of Sens. Mazie Hirono, D-Hawaii; Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn.; Richard Durbin, D-Ill.; and Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y. — named Whitehouse as "Counsel of Record." Judicial Watch attached a copy of a Rhode Island Judiciary record that lists Whitehouse's attorney status as inactive. Fox News has confirmed that the current record still shows the inactive status.

As a result, the organization claimed, Whitehouse engaged in the unauthorized practice of law when he filed the brief.

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