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Dear LC:

This is a short reply to your letter. I do not believe it is beneficial to you or to me to attempt to respond to each of your questions or statements. It is my position that I worked very hard to represent and defend you. I also was willing to represent you in the appeal and you decided to retain other counsel. I also offered to assist in the appeal and sent my suggestions concerning matters that should be included. I was then not consulted concerning the assignment of errors or the brief. Therefore I concluded that my involvement in your case was completed.

If there are matters that I can assist in concerning an appeal I will be available. There is no point in rehashing what could have been done different at trial. I am sorry if you do not agree with this decision.

I do wish you the best in any appeals.

Sincerely,

Bruce L. Kaplan
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