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Karen Blasingame, Esq.  
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541 North Fairbanks Court  
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Dear Ms. Blasingame:

This is to record and protest your rude and unprofessional conduct in immediately hanging up on me when I telephoned a few moments ago, requiring me to write you if I had anything to say.

This replicates your equally insulting and boorish conduct toward my daughter, Elena, who twice today telephoned you in an attempt to explain that the two letters faxed today, under the name of Deputy General Counsel Catherine Daubard, were egregiously erroneous. One would certainly expect a lawyer in your position to be interested in verifying the facts before taking the drastic action set forth in Ms. Daubard's two letters.

Yet, you told my daughter that you were not interested as she attempted to explain that I was not suspended under a final order and twice hung up on her, refusing to answer her query as to whether you were familiar with our extensive correspondence with the ABA -- all of which documents the unfounded and defamatory nature of each of Ms. Daubard's letters.

Your callous, indeed, malicious response to my daughter when she told you that we had non-refundable airline tickets for tomorrow, was to state that it was "[our] problem" and to assert that we would not be permitted to attend the San Antonio meetings.

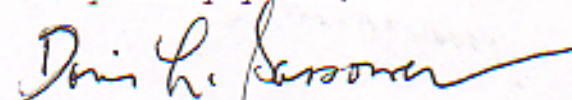
So that the record is clear, my daughter left a message for you at approximately 11:15 a.m. with your secretary, Maureen Dempsey, as to the exigent need to clarify matters in the absence of Ms. Daubard, who, according to Ms. Dempsey, was already en route to San Antonio. In the many hours that passed, you did not return her call -- and Ms. Daubard's second letter, addressed to me, was, thereafter, sent.



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I suggest you immediately verify your facts and fax me an immediate apology and retraction. Failing same, the ABA, your office, and you personally will be chargeable with all damages and costs incurred by reason of the cancellation of our trip, with take-off scheduled for early tomorrow morning, which your gross misconduct and that of Ms. Daubard apparently has made necessary.

Very truly yours,

  
DORIS L. SASSOWER

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