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Dear Carol:

I thank you for your telephone call last night. I know how exhausted you must have been from your airline trip, and really appreciated your conscientiousness in returning my earlier telephone call. Unfortunately, there is not enough of that professionalism around.

As promised, I am faxing herewith copies of the two letters faxed to me and my daughter, Elena, yesterday from ABA Deputy Counsel, Catherine A. Daubard, Esq., notifying us that my daughter would be barred from the ABA meetings and that my ABA membership was terminated (Exhibits "A" and "B"). Also enclosed is a copy of my faxed response (Exhibit "C").

Following my response, Ms. Daubard phoned me at about 6:40 p.m. (NY time) from San Antonio. It was obvious from Ms. Daubard's conversation with my daughter and myself that she had not bothered to check her facts before sending her aforesaid two letters, as reflected by our substantial correspondence to the ABA, and my cert petition. Had she done so, she would have known that the June 14, 1991 indefinite suspension order was not "a final order", as Article 3.3(b)(2) of the ABA Constitution, which she cited in her January 27, 1997 letter, explicitly requires. Nonetheless, Ms. Daubart did not withdraw her notice of termination or apologize for it.

Likewise, Mr. Daubart resisted that the ABA was under an obligation to have notified us immediately concerning any alleged disruptive behavior by my daughter at past ABA meetings, which my daughter categorically denies having ever occurred. Ms. Daubart was unfamiliar with my daughter's February 8, 1996 and September 18, 1996 letters, each sent to the Center for Professional Responsibility, certified mail, return receipt, particularizing precisely what took place at the ABA's Midyear Meeting in Baltimore and the Annual Meeting in Orlando. Ms. Daubart was more willing to accept the hearsay of individuals, who she refused to identify, rather than the contemporaneous factual account set forth in my daughter's letters, sent to a large

number of recipients, mostly occupying leadership positions at the ABA. Indeed, although my daughter told Ms. Daubart that the recitation of her letters was not denied or disputed in any way by anyone, Ms. Daubart, who had not seen either of those letters, stated that such fact was without significance and that ABA recipients were under no obligation to respond.

I would note that in contrast to the wholly unwarranted mistreatment of my daughter in Orlando, orchestrated by the Center for Professional Responsibility, as described by her September 18, 1996 letter, my daughter was graciously received and her contribution welcomed by the Chairman of the ABA's Judicial Performance and Conduct Committee of the ABA's Judicial Division, Lawyers Conference, Alvin T. Prestwood. This is reflected by Chairman Prestwood's letter to her, dated August 7, 1996 (Exhibit "D"), a copy of which is also enclosed.

Interestingly, Ms. Daubart admitted that when she wrote her letters, she had been misinformed and led to believe that my daughter and I were not pre-registered for the ABA meetings. She stated that since we were registered, I would be "permitted to attend ABA meetings, but only to sit and listen, not to speak"--since I am no longer a member by virtue of the termination of my membership.

Under such circumstances, with our bags all packed and all arrangements made for our stay in San Antonio and a further itinerary based thereon, I am compelled to cancel all our plane and hotel arrangements. I will, therefore, not be at Sunday's Fellows Business Breakfast to make my intended presentation in opposition to the proposed Bylaw Amendment of Article III, (i), automatically suspending any Fellow who is not a member of the bar in good standing, even where such Fellow has been deprived of fundamental due process.

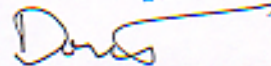
Due to the foregoing unanticipated circumstances, and because there has been no communication to the Fellows on the subject or any response whatever from Herb Sledd or Brian Garth in response to my recent correspondence, I ask that my January 24, 1997 letter to Chairman Sledd, as well as this one, be read or distributed to the assembled Fellows before any vote is taken on this agenda item.

I further ask that you record my vigorous opposition to said By-law amendment for the reasons stated in this and my January 24th letter -- both of which I ask be made part of the Minutes of the upcoming Business Breakfast Meeting. Additionally, I request that copies of the Minutes of such Meeting, as well as last year's be sent to me.

Suffice to say that had the "leadership" of the Fellows of the American Bar Foundation followed through with the direction of the assembled Fellows at the Business Breakfast last year, this despicable mistreatment of me and my daughter by the ABA would not have occurred.

Again, my thanks for your call and kind words.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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ABA President-Elect Jerome Shestack
ABA Deputy General Counsel Catherine Daubard
Herbert Sledd, Chair, American Bar Foundation
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