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• From Monterey Office

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The Honorable Robert O'Farrell  
 Monterey County Superior Court  
 1200 Aguajito Road  
 Monterey, Calif 93940

Dear Judge O'Farrell:

Sometimes integrity can be a fleeting thing. I often think that is the only thing some attorneys have that separates them from what the public often thinks of us. Anyway, I write this letter because of the comments of Mr. Forte at my hearing to withdraw, and to address what appeared to be some concern on your part with his comments. It is one thing to not have the respect of the public, but quite another to lose it to the court.

You expressed some concern when Mr. Forte alleged that I had a ski championship that I wanted to take my daughter to that conflicted with his trial in late April. Jordan, my 8 year old, is a J-5, and her championships are at Mammoth Mountain from March 29<sup>th</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup> [notice attached]. You had already graciously granted me leave from the Jacobs v. McBride trial to attend Jordan's skiing championships.

However, there are two children and two championships that I have arranged to take them to. I am sure you thought I only had one. Also attached is a copy of the Far West-United States Ski Association race schedule. Paige, my 13 year old, is a J-3, and her championships are April 19<sup>th</sup> through April 22<sup>nd</sup> [highlighted]. I am also a member of the Far West Board of Directors and our Spring meeting is scheduled for that Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, at Mammoth.

Although my wife is a great mother and does not like going to the races, I would have sent her had the court's decision resulting in my continued relationship with Mr. Forte. I never intended, as can be seen from my moving papers, to use Paige's attendance to be a factor in the scheduling of Mr. Forte's trial. I intentionally did not want to raise the need to attend both championships as factors in trial settings, as I personally considered that too much to ask, and I did not. Mr. Forte's effort to push that excuse on me was not my doing, and not my intention.

Thank you very much for your attention. I just wanted to clear the air.

Very truly yours,

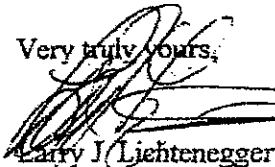
  
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