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August 29, 2008

Origin	Correspondence	Date	Revd	Status (All suggested dispositions subject to review by TW)	CCs (Informational copies)
IL fax	Haya Rashed Al Khalifa Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain Ltr – honor to accept appointment as special advisor of the Middle East and North Africa Initiative Council	8/13	8/13	NRN	
IL	Anthony P. DeLio New Haven, CT Ltr – re ABA selecting judges to the Federal Judiciary	8/21	8/27	<i>Forwarded to Tom Susman and Denise Cardman</i>	
IL	T.N. Williams, Hon. Secretary Magna Carta Trust Ltr – acknowledge receipt of check for two tickets to the dinner on Oct. 2 at Middle Temple	8/21	8/26	<i>NRN - Copy forwarded to Kash Sullivan on 9/2/08</i>	
IL	Will A. Gunn, Chair Commission on Youth at Risk Ltr to Tommy & Jan - thanks for attending reception on Aug. 7 at the NYC Bar	8/22	8/26	NRN	
IL	Champ W. Davis, Jr. Chicago, IL Ltr – re ABA dues and his view that association dues should be reduced as attorneys reach senior status	8/26	8/29	<i>Forwarded to Diane Bruhl</i>	
AL	J. Mark White, President Alabama State Bar Ltr – proud to join the Alabama delegation in escorting TW to the podium at annual meeting; interested in attending the May 2009 event in Charlotte, NC that will address the importance of an independent judiciary	8/25	8/26	NRN	
AL	Frank J. Daily Quarles & Brady LLP Milwaukee, WI Ltr – thrilled to see TW crowned as new ABA leader	8/25	8/29	NRN	

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AL	Montrece M. Ranson Richard A. Goodman Department of Health & Human Services Ltr- congratulations on becoming ABA President; thanks for contributions to the June 2007 National Summit on Public Health Legal Preparedness <i>(copy to Andrew Demetriou & Jill Pena)</i>	8/26	8/29	NRN	



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13 August 2008

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Dear Mr. Wells,

It is my pleasure to receive your letter appointing me as a **special advisor of the Middle East and North Africa Initiative Council.**

I am very happy to join you all to discuss the issues related to our profession.

It is an honour for me to accept this appointment as a special advisor of the Middle East and North Africa Initiative Council.

I look forward to hear from you.

Yours sincerely


Haya Rashed Al Khalifa

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Re: Judicial Appointments

Dear Mr. Wells:

I am a long-time member of the ABA and a lifelong Democrat. I have not been particularly enamored of the process engaged in by the ABA in selecting judges to the Federal Judiciary. The ABA has been too political. What the ABA panel did in connection with the Judge Bork and the Judge Thomas selections was atrocious. The sitting U.S. president should have full control over who he nominates, and then the process of advice and consent by the senate should follow. Neither the ABA nor other political groups should give the Senators cover. We are a Democratic Republic under a Constitution, and we do not need private organizations, a minority of two senators or what have you weighing in heavily in connection with a judicial selection. This is not what the founding fathers had in mind nor is it good practice. I think the ABA selection process should be eliminated as it gives an inordinate power to a small number of lawyers who do not have the best interests of the U.S. citizens.

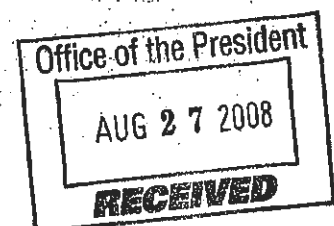
Sincerely yours,

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21 August 2008

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Dear Mr Wells

50th Anniversary Celebrations of the Forming of the Magna Carta Trust 2 October 2008

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your request and cheque for two tickets to the Dinner on the 2 October at Middle Temple.

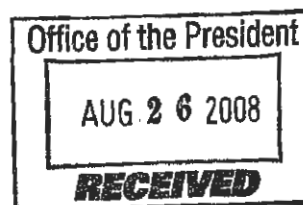
I will ensure that the formal tickets are issued in mid-September together with the arrangements for the evening.

My grateful thanks for your support of the Trust.

Warmest regards

Yours sincerely

Honorary Secretary



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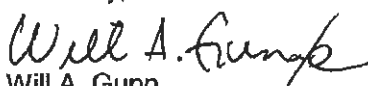
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Wells, Jr.
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Dear Tommy and Jan:

On behalf of the ABA Commission on Youth at Risk, I would like to thank you for your attendance and inspirational words at our reception entitled, 'Why Pro Bono Work Pays for Youth' on August 7th at the New York City Bar.

It was a pleasure seeing you at our event and we look forward to working with you as we continue to seek enhanced law reforms and legal advocacy for our nation's youth.

We extend our sincere gratitude to you for supporting the activities of the ABA Commission on Youth at Risk and we look forward to your involvement in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Will A. Gunn
Chair
ABA Commission on Youth at Risk

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August 26, 2008

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Re: ABA Dues

Dear President Wells:

It has been my long-standing view that association dues should be reduced as attorneys reach senior status. The ABA does not seem to share this view.

If dues were reduced to a small fraction of what they would otherwise be for attorneys sixty years or older I suspect you would retain a lot of memberships you would otherwise lose as folks retire or wind down their practices.

I hope the ABA will consider this issue. Many associations have such a policy.

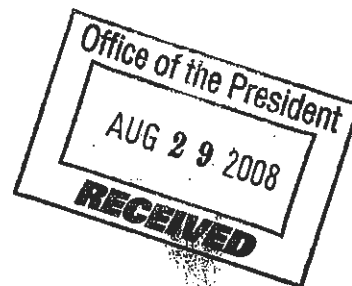
Very truly yours,

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Dear Tommy:

I was proud and privileged to accept your invitation to join the Alabama delegation in escorting you to the podium to assume your position as President of the American Bar Association. Your remarks were timely and inspirational. Our Bar, our state and the ABA are indeed fortunate to have you serve in this role. I know that you will bring great acclaim to us all throughout this year working to promote our core values.

Carol Ann and I thoroughly enjoyed the time we spent in New York with your family, friends and firm. Each individual demonstrated what an asset they are to you as they carried out their various duties and obligations associated with the celebration of this great event. You are truly blessed to be surrounded by such wonderful people. As we're both learning, they are essential to the pace we will be keeping over the next year and to any successes that we may have along the way.

I am particularly interested in the event that will occur in Charlotte, North Carolina during the first week of May 2009 addressing the importance of an independent judiciary. I would welcome the opportunity to attend this event. To the extent I can direct resources in Alabama to assist in ensuring the success of this event, please do not hesitate to call upon me. As you and I both know access to justice for the poor and an independent judiciary are far more closely related than people realize. Let me know how I can help, and I will do what I can to make it happen.

Please know as you undertake your more than 300 days of air travel during the upcoming year that the members of the Alabama State Bar wish you the best of success



H. Thomas Wells, Jr., President
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and stand ready to provide you with whatever assistance or comfort you deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. Mark White', written in dark ink.

J. Mark White
President

JMW/cgs

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RE: American Bar Association Presidency

Dear Tommy:

My fortieth year law school class reunion prevented me from attending the ABA Annual Meeting in New York at which you were crowned as our new leader. I am thrilled to see you get this well-deserved recognition and hope that your term is successful, enjoyable, and productive.

I am also very pleased to see that you are making judicial independence such a major priority. All of us who have labored in the trial trenches know that judicial independence is absolutely essential to our cherished system of justice. I would be more than happy to serve on a committee or otherwise assist you in that important endeavor.

I am not sure whether I will be able to attend the Farrah Law Society annual meeting in Tuscaloosa on September 19. I have conflicts that I am trying to clear and will be there if I can. In the meantime, I extend my heartiest congratulations and heartfelt best wishes on your achieving one of the very highest honors our profession can bestow upon its members. You have certainly come a long way from sipping Cokes at the grocery store in beautiful downtown Maplesville, Alabama, when we both had black hair.

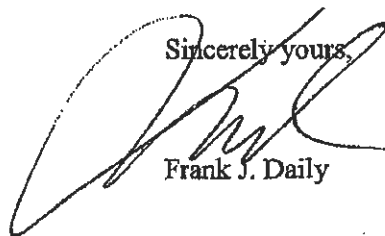
I plan on going to the International Academy of Trial Lawyers meetings in Colorado this September and hope that if I miss you in Tuscaloosa I might have the pleasure of seeing you and Jan in Aspen. Keep up the good work and keep the faith!

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With warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank J. Daily', written over the typed name.

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Dear Tommy:

We want to send congratulations on your becoming President of the American Bar Association and to thank you again for your contributions to the June 2007 National Summit on Public Health Legal Preparedness here at CDC.

Our partnership with the ABA, and especially with the Health Law Section, has brought valuable new resources to bear for better public health. The 2007 national summit generated the "National Action Agenda for Public Health Legal Preparedness" that is being implemented nationally.

Just two months ago, a similar, multidisciplinary summit was held in Atlanta to identify legal tools that can be used to help prevent obesity. Health Law Section chair Andrew Demetriou served on the summit's planning committee, took part in the meeting, and is contributing to the forthcoming "National Action Agenda for Legal Preparedness for Obesity Prevention and Control".

At this month's annual meeting, the ABA's House of Delegates adopted a resolution urging members to support legislation in states that do not authorize expedited partner treatment, a CDC-recommended practice in which physicians prescribe medications for the partners of patients with chlamydia or gonorrhea. Jill Pena deserves special thanks for guiding this resolution to official adoption.

CDC is very appreciative of our partnership with the ABA and we look forward to continued collaborative work under your leadership.

Very sincerely yours,

Montrece M. Ransom, JD, Senior Public Health Analyst, CDC Public Health Law Program

Richard A. Goodman, MD, JD, MPH, Co-Director, CDC Public Health Law Program

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