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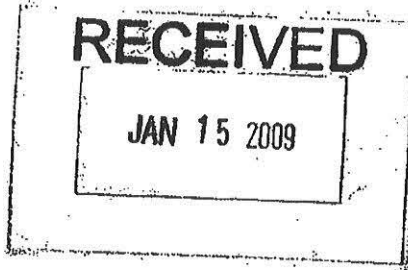
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Origin	Correspondence	Date	Rcvd	Status (All suggested dispositions subject to review by TW)	CCs (Informational copies)
AL	<b>John Grisham</b> Charlottesville, VA Ltr – unable to participate in Fair and Impartial State Courts Conf.	1/12	1/15	NRN	
AL	<b>Robert L. Rothman, Chair</b> ABA Section of Litigation Ltr – thanks for participating in their Judicial Independence Program at the Winter Leadership Meeting	1/14	1/16	NRN – TW signed and returned Speaker Release form	
AL	<b>Hulett H. Askew</b> ABA Consultant on Legal Education Ltr – thanks for attending the AALS meeting	1/12	1/16	NRN	
AL	<b>Richard J. Podell</b> Milwaukee, WI Ltr – re possibly meeting with some BOG members during Midyear Meeting concerning finances and other issues	1/14	1/20	TW emailed a response on 1/23	
IL	<b>Jennifer S. Korn, Director</b> U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Intergovernmental and Public Liaison Ltr – last day in DOJ office. Thanks for privilege of serving as the liaison to ABA for the Attorney General and the DOJ	1/16	1/21	NRN	Tom Sussman
IL	<b>Anton R. Valukas</b> Jenner & Block, Chicago, IL Ltr – Unable to contribute funds for the National Summit Conference on Fair and Impartial Courts	12/24	1/21	NRN	Katy Englehart
IL	<b>Sally Neukom</b> Note to Tommy, Carolyn & BOG – thanks for lovely orchid in memory of her father	1/16	1/22	NRN	Marina Jacks Alpha Brady
IL	<b>Robert L. Beal</b> Boston, MA Ltr – unable to attend evening reception and dinner at the Harvard Club on Feb. 12	1/20	1/20	NRN	Marina Jacks Nancy Noble Ira Pilchen Lanita Thomas

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Dear Mr. Wells:

Thank you for your kind letter of January 8<sup>th</sup>. My son graduates from Law School at Ole Miss on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, and we will be spending the weekend in Oxford for all the festivities. For this reason, please allow me to say no.

Best wishes,

John

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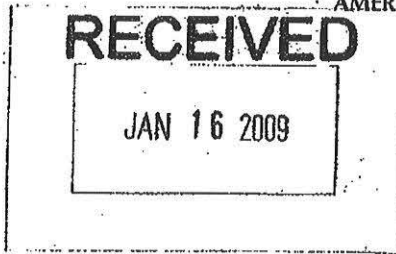
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Re: Judicial Independence Program

Dear Tommy:

I want to thank you again for your participation in our Judicial Independence Program at the Section of Litigation's Winter Leadership Meeting. The feedback I have received from our attendees is truly nothing short of extraordinary. They not only enjoyed the program, they learned a great deal about a critically important issue facing the profession and society. I am very appreciative of your willingness to take the time to travel to Scottsdale to join us at the meeting and to share your thoughts.

As I mentioned before the start of the program, the Section recorded the discussion so that we may share it with others on our website. However, we cannot post it unless we receive the consent of each participant and whether you choose to consent is entirely up to you. I am enclosing a form that the ABA requires in order for us to do this and, if you choose to consent, please sign it and return it to me at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions that you would like to discuss regarding the use of the audiotape, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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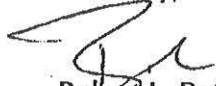
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Obviously, I hope you will agree to allow us to share this program with our members and others on our website, but if you would prefer that we not do so please just let me know and that will be the end of the matter.

Many thanks again for helping to make the program a great success. I hope you enjoyed the visit and that we will have another opportunity to see you at a future Section of Litigation meeting.


Best regards:

Sincerely,



Robert L. Rothman  
Chair, ABA Section of Litigation

Enclosure

Tommy -  
Thank so much for coming to Seaside and participating in the program. It was good to see you and Jan. Hope we will be together again before long.  


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Judicial Independence

Title of Presentation/Paper A Conversation on

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ABA Program title: Winter Leadership Meeting (the "Program")  
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Sponsoring group:

Date of Program: 1/9/09

Location of Program: Scottsdale, AZ

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Dear Tommy,

I want to personally thank you for attending the AALS meeting, both for taking the time to do it and for the thoughtfulness of your remarks. Your presence and your description of the four "values" that motivate you as President of the ABA were very well received.

I am encouraging Carolyn, through Karl, to put this event on her agenda for next year. I think the value of attendance to the ABA is great, and we should be encouraging more collaboration between the profession and the academy. I know that Rachel Moran, the incoming President of AALS, shares that view.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Hulett H. Askew  
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January 14, 2009

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Dear Tommy:

The ABA Committee of Chair-Elects had a second meeting on January 14, 2009. We had discussed the idea of possibly meeting with some members of the Board of Governors concerning finances and possibly other issues. I suggested, if possible, that on Friday the 13th at lunch, maybe the Chair-Elects could meet with the Board during the lunch hour to discuss our issues and concerns for next year and hear what the Board's issues and concerns are for next year. I think it would be wonderful if we could collaborate together. Too often, there's a concept of the "Sections and the Big ABA." I think it would help to defuse that silly notion if we could work hand in hand and better understand the joint issues.

Kindly let me know if this is a possibility.

Very truly yours,



RICHARD J. PODELL

RJP/cak

cc: David W. Hilgers, Esq.

Ms. Lametrea M. Gray



**Mastronardi, Kay**

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**From:** Pilchen, Ira  
**Sent:** Friday, January 23, 2009 11:43 AM  
**To:** Curd, Beverly; Mastronardi, Kay  
**Subject:** FW: Boston Board/Section Chairs

FYI, this is Tommy's response to Richard J. Podell's letter.

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**From:** Tommy Wells  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 22, 2009 4:43 PM  
**To:** Richard J. Podell  
**Subject:** Boston Board/Section Chairs

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your letter of January 14, 2009. Unfortunately, we will be unable to schedule a lunch meeting between the Board of Governors and the chairs-elect of sections. I continue to be very committed to communicating with Association entities, especially sections and divisions. As you are aware, President-elect Lamm and I met with the chairs and chairs-elect during the Fall meeting of the Section Officers Conference. In addition, we both will attend the Midyear Meeting of the Section Officers Conference. I believe we enjoy an excellent level of communication with the sections and am pleased to have the continued involvement of the SOC liaisons to the Board and increased interaction between Board members and their liaison responsibilities.

As you know, I welcome any thoughts and suggestions you or members of your class may have.

I look forward to seeing you in Boston.

Tommy

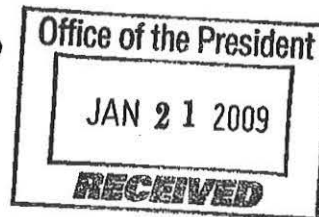


U.S. Department of Justice  
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Director

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January 16, 2009



Dear Mr. Wells:

Today marks my final day as Director of the Department's Office of Intergovernmental and Public Liaison (OIPL). I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the privilege of serving as the liaison to your organization for the Attorney General and the Department of Justice (DOJ) on the many crucial issues facing our great country.

Whether the topic was national security, local law enforcement, civil rights, religious liberties, human rights, immigration or funding, it was a pleasure to be able to communicate with you regarding the policies and programs implemented at DOJ and to ensure that your views were represented.

During the transition, please feel free to call our front office staff at (202) 514-3465, should you require assistance. Should you need to reach me, I have included my card with contact information.

Once again, thank you. I wish you all the best in protecting our communities and the people you represent.

Sincerely,

Jennifer S. Korn

*Thank you for having us and the AG at your convention. All the best!*



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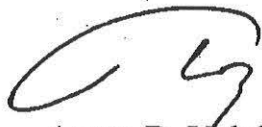
Dear Tom:

I am writing in response to your request for funds for the National Summit Conference on Fair and Impartial Courts. I have talked to our Managing Partner about our corporate giving for this next year. Unfortunately, we are not going to be able fit this important project into our budget. With the commitments that we have made to a number of significant charitable organizations, we find ourselves in a position where we have to make choices in the allocation of our funding between some extraordinarily worthwhile endeavors. This proposed conference is obviously one of those. I am sorry that we are not going to be able to be of assistance on this matter.

I have every expectation that this conference will serve an important function in assisting our profession in fulfilling its responsibilities.

With best personal regards,

I remain sincerely yours,



Anton R. Valukas

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January 20, 2009

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Dear Mr. Wells:

I was pleased to arrange for the evening reception and dinner at the Harvard Club on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February. Unfortunately, now I have a conflict so that I will be unable to be in attendance.

Dorothy Hughes, my assistant, will follow through with respect to making sure that the everything at the Harvard Club goes smoothly.

Sincerely,



RLB:dah

cc: Alice Richmond, Esq.

