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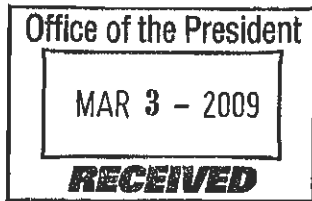
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IL	Wilbur H. Friedman, Jr. Rockville, MD Ltr – Re: Maryland Unreported Decision Jurisprudence. Enclosed	2/23	3/3	<i>OP to acknowledge and forward to Labor & Employment Law</i>	
AL	Christine M. Durham National Center for State Courts Ltr – thanks for submitting a nomination for the Board of Directors of the NCSC	2/24	3/2	<i>NRN</i>	
IL	S. Shepherd Tate Memphis, TN Ltr – thanks for your letter about visit to Memphis; looks forward to seeing TW at Annual Meeting in Chicago	2/26	3/3	<i>NRN</i>	
AL	Thomas N. Carruthers Birmingham, AL Ltr – admires Tommy's work greatly	3/3	3/4	<i>NRN</i>	
IL	Jin Kang Lee President, Korean Bar Association Ltr – extends gratitude to ABA for support during his presidency (same letter sent to Bill Neukom)	2/23	3/4	<i>NRN – Forwarded to Kash Sullivan</i>	



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Re: Maryland Unreported Decision
Jurisprudence

Dear Mr. Wells:

Sometime in the late 1960s, I learned that earlier in that decade, representatives of the ABA's Labor Law Committee sought and got assurances from the Executive Secretary of the National Labor Relations Board that the Board's unpublished representation case decisions would be based on the same rules of decision as were the published decisions. In the 1980s I asked and was told that the Board had adhered to its undertaking. I lost track thereafter. I infer that at some times in the past, the ABA was interested in equal justice under law.

Two years ago, the Supreme Court adopted Rule 32.1 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, Citing Judicial Dispositions, a step towards equal justice. Unencumbered by knowledge, I assume that representatives of the ABA were involved in the making of 32.1. If so, those representatives may be interested in the enclosed documents. No. 08-1020, and in that event, I would appreciate your passing the documents to them. If there is no institutional interest, and you know of a scholar interested in the subject, I would appreciate your forwarding the documents to that scholar.

The petition demonstrates that in Maryland's unreported decision jurisprudence, the rules of decision of the published and unpublished decisions are, alas, not the same. I venture the hope that one or more of your committees will be interested in promoting the ideal of equal justice under a single body of law.

Yours truly,

Wilbur H. Friedman, Jr.

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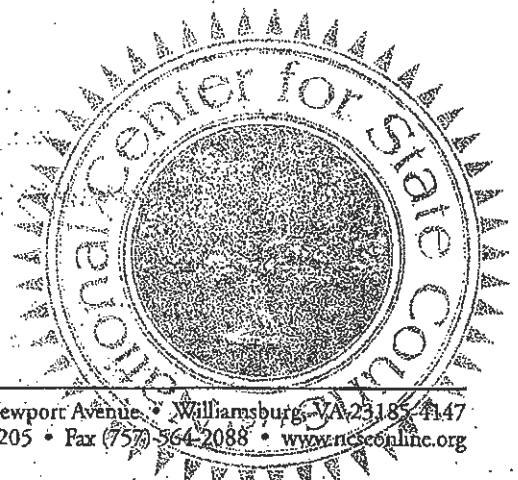
Dear Mr. Wells:

Thank you for your letter submitting a nomination for the Board of Directors of the National Center for State Courts. We appreciate your interest in the work of the Center and will advise you of the results when the nominations process has concluded. Again, we are grateful for your continued support of the work of the National Center for State Courts.

Sincerely,

Christine M. Durham

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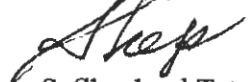
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Dear Tommy:

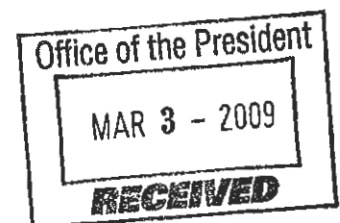
Many thanks for your letter about your visit to Memphis. You say that you are so glad that you came, and also we are so glad that you did come! You were a great hit!

I look forward to seeing you in Chicago at the ABA Annual Meeting.

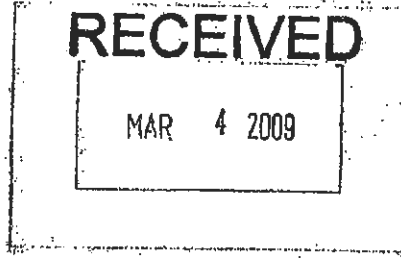
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Dear Tommy:

Jim Rotch shared with me your recent letter to him enclosing almost 200 signatures to the Birmingham Pledge, from the governmental body of the American Bar Association.

Seeing the letter gives me a chance to write a long overdue note: I have the impression, truly from the outside, but I believe it is sound, that you are doing a superb job as President of the ABA. This is an influential job, and if done well, can deliver enormously good results. I have the impression you are doing the job in the right way and what you are doing in many fields, such as Judicial elections, the Birmingham Pledge matter, and the general issue of making law more easily available to those who are not affluent, is in the very best public interest.

I admire your work greatly and I also admire you for doing this.

With good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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cc: James E. Rotch, Esq.

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February 23, 2009

Via Mail

Dear President,

Approaching to the end of my term as a president of the Korean Bar Association, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to you and your organization for the full support during my presidency during the last two years.

It was a great honor and at the same time unforgettable memories to meet you and share thoughts as well as views on various legal matters. Particularly, we have discussed on the Rule of Law vis-à-vis our respective jurisdictions and how to promote it further. The Korean Bar Association and all members including myself will commit us to further the Rule of Law in our country.

Strengthening and broadening international relationship with the global legal communities was one of the top priorities during my tenure. The first step was, among others, to get to know you and your organization and to build up trusts with each other. I firmly believe that we made such first step in a successful way, and I also believe my successor will make big progresses towards the enhanced relationships.

Again, I sincerely thank you for your supports and help. I wish you a good luck and health as well.

With the best regards,

Jin Kang Lee
President
Korean Bar Association

