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IL	Danielle Crutchfield Office of Appointments & Scheduling The White House Ltr – President Obama will be unavailable to address the ABA Annual Meeting	6/2		<i>Sent PDF to Ira Pilchen</i>	
email	Allegra J. Lawrence-Hardy, Chair Judge Black Celebration Committee Ltr – request for letter of appreciation of Judge Black’s service to celebrate her 30 years on the federal bench at a luncheon on July 10, 2009	6/9	6/9	<i>OP Responded</i>	
IL	Roberta D. Liebenberg, Chair Commission on Women in the Profession Ltr – Thanks for participating in reception on May 27, 2009	--	6/3	<i>NRN</i>	
IL	Thomas F. Liotti Thomas F. Liotti, LLC Garden City, NY Ltr – request to address ABA on the subject of Prosecutorial Discretion in the Charging Function	6/3	6/9	<i>OP acknowledged and forwarded to Criminal Justice Section for their review.</i>	

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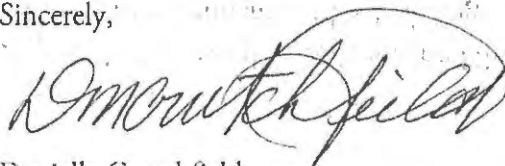
Dear Mr. Wells,

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the members of the American Bar Association inviting President Obama to address the ABA's 2009 Annual Meeting in Chicago.

The President is honored to be invited to participate in this distinguished event. However, it is with sincere regret that the President will be unavailable to attend between July 30 and August 4.

On behalf of the President, I wish you and the members of the ABA success as you prepare for the event and continue your outstanding contributions to the legal profession.

Sincerely,



Danielle Crutchfield
Deputy Assistant to the President and Director,
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Re: Judge Susan H. Black
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

Dear Mr. Wells:

On July 10, 2009, colleagues of Judge Susan Harrell Black of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit will gather at a luncheon, sponsored by the Federal Bar Association in Jacksonville, to celebrate her 30 years of service on the federal bench. We would be honored to include from you a letter of appreciation or other acknowledgement of her service as part of our program.

President Jimmy Carter nominated Judge Black to the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida in 1979. Confirmed by the Senate on July 23, 1979, she received commission the next day. Judge Black served as chief judge from 1990 to 1992. President George H. W. Bush nominated Judge Black to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit on March 10, 1992. Confirmed by the Senate on August 11, 1992, she received commission the next day and began serving on the court on September 3, 1992.


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We hope that you will agree that Judge Black's service is worthy of recognition. Thank you for considering this request.

Very truly yours,


Allegra J. Lawrence-Hardy
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Judge Black Celebration Committee

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Re: Women of Color Research Initiative
Fundraising Reception in Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Wells,

Thank you for participating in the ABA Commission on Women in the Profession's Fundraising Reception for the Women of Color Research Initiative in Chicago on May 27, 2009. The reception was a tremendous success; indeed, we raised almost \$50,000 to help fund the important work of the Initiative.

We were very pleased to honor you and recognize the many contributions you have made to help women attorneys of color to succeed in the legal profession. The remarks that you and the other honorees made were very inspiring, and left us all with a renewed commitment to take action to eradicate the barriers that have impeded the success of women attorneys of color for far too long.

As you heard during the Reception, having already examined the status of women attorneys of color in law firms, the next phase of the research being undertaken by the Initiative will focus on women attorneys of color in both the corporate and government practice settings. We will keep you apprised of developments as our research continues to progress.

Thank you again for your assistance in helping to further the work of the Initiative.

Sincerely,

Roberta D. Liebenberg
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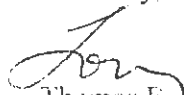
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Dear Thomas:

I am writing to you to request the opportunity to address your organization on the subject of Prosecutorial Discretion In The Charging Function. This talk would also include my opposition to the issuance of press releases and the orchestration of so-called "perp walks" by the prosecution. It will conclude with a recommendation that prosecutorial discretion be exercised more often and that "perp walks" be outlawed.

Thank you in advance for your interest and very best regards. In the event that you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,


Thomas F. Liotti

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