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AL	Amelia H. Boss Drexel University School of Law Philadelphia, PA Ltr – enclosed a copy of the first issue of the <i>Drexel Law Review</i>		7/6	NRN	
IL	Steven R. Sorenson Ripon, Wisconsin Ltr – thanks for invitation to the Leadership Caucus on the Recession	6/30	7/6	OP drafted response for TW	Allen Tannenbaum Delores Gedge Terry Brooks Katy Englehart

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Dear Tommy,

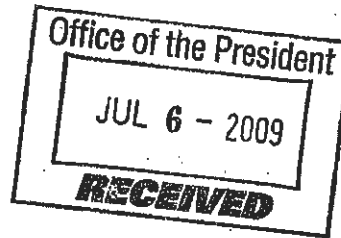
It was good to see you at the ABA Diversity Summit last week.
In light of our discussions on law school rankings, I thought you might find interesting the enclosed copy of the first issue of the *Drexel Law Review*. It contains an article by Judge Louis Pollack on *U.S. News and World Report* rankings. See you next month in Chicago.

Sincerely,

Amelia H. Boss

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BILL PRITCHARD
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Dear Bill,

Thank you very much for extending an invitation to me for the Leadership Caucus on the Recession. I enjoyed the conference and found it to be quite informative. I hope to put together a letter outlining some of the things that I learned from the conference and clarifying some of the suggestions that I think we should consider.

Please let President Wells know that I am more than happy to assist with this project or any other project that he may have in the future involving this program. I am deeply concerned about the 65% of the ABA who are in solo or small firms. There is an extremely large number of these practitioners who are in rural areas that are being deeply impacted by the recession, especially as it relates to heavy manufacturing. Many attorneys who depend upon the "main street client" in a community which has suffered significant slowdowns or layoffs are in desperate conditions to even cover their overhead. While this was not a topic that was given much time at the conference, I certainly believe it needs to be explored.

I know as a fact that attorneys in the Janesville and Beloit area of Wisconsin who depend upon the auto workers and the small businesses that support these local citizens are feeling a tremendous pinch. People are not utilizing the services of these attorneys for anything other than bankruptcies or asset liquidation involved cases. The impact on the small firms and solos is devastating.

Again if there is anything further that I can do, please feel free to give me a call. I would like to thank you personally as well as the rest of the Office of the President's staff for a wonderful caucus session.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Steven R. Sorenson

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