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RE: Response to Letter

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am writing in response to your recent letter about the notice of appeal in your case and your request for a list of current California Supreme Court members.

On the Notice of Appeal issue, I have searched through our electronic files and looked at the court's online docket. I looked through the Supreme Court dockets for every case that might have been related to you. Unfortunately, I haven't found anything that looks like a notice of appeal. Can you tell me a little more about the document? Did the court return it to you? Did the court make any kind of ruling on it? Sometimes the court will make an order saying that they're rejecting something for filing, or some other hint about what they did with a document. I don't see anything like that on the online docket for your appeal, though. It looks like OSPD was not appointed until November 2003, so that would have been a few years after the filing you've described. Did you ever send a copy of this document to our office? And did we ever respond to it? If you didn't send it to us, is it possible that you sent it some other office that might have a copy of it? That information may help me figure out where to look to see if we might have a copy. Sorry I couldn't be more help on that.

The other question is easier. You asked for a list of current judges on the California Supreme Court. I've printed the judge roster from their website. It has the current information. For your information, we are expecting one change soon. The Chief Justice is retiring. Judge Guerrero will most likely take her place as the new chief. And the governor will appoint someone new to fill the new open spot. That should all happen sometime near the end of the year.

One other thing I wanted to discuss with you. I recently happened to see a website called inmate.com that had some materials about your case. It included a letter I sent to you, some letters from other attorneys, and a few letters you sent to our office. It's generally risky to put legal documents online, especially letters with law offices that represented you in the past. It's important that we can communicate freely about the appeal we handled. But if other people read those discussions, they may be able to use them in some way. There are complicated issues of attorney-client privilege and confidentiality involved. So, I'd like to ask you not to post these letters on the website or anywhere else. As I said, this is just a request. The filings in the case, like the briefs, are a little different because they're publicly filed anyway. It's the confidential communication that is especially important.

Please feel free to write back to me with any questions you have. I appreciate your time.

Yours truly,

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