

August 24, 2011

Grant Degginger
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Dear Grant:

We received your August 17, 2011 letter yesterday, August 23. The postmark on the envelope shows the letter was mailed on August 22.

We were quite frankly astonished that you would write to us directly. You have known for weeks that another law firm is now representing us. In fact, yesterday, August 23, you placed a telephone call to our new firm, the Allied Law Group, and spoke to Michele Earl-Hubbard about our Lane Powell bill, the very subject of your August 17/August 22 letter.

Even more astonishing is your invitation in your letter that we "contact" you if we have "any questions." So you are inviting us to deal directly with you even though you know we are represented! And why would we do that, anyway? On many occasions we wrote to you with our concerns, to no avail. For example, on November 7, 2010, we brought a number of our concerns to you in a detailed five-page letter. On November 18 you wrote back, saying in effect, you were too busy to respond. And you never have. Why would our concerns suddenly matter to you?

We find it curious that you allowed 15 weeks to pass before making good on your May 4 promise to credit our account for \$5,555 -- the money you charged us for time spent telling us you would not follow our instructions. You made the adjustment approximately two weeks after other counsel was hired.

Since you opened up the subject of money: We also find it astonishing that you (1) object to having the monies from the proposed stipulated judgment placed in the trust account of the Allied Law Group, and that you (2) intend to make the uncontested monies from the judgment unavailable to us until your lien is satisfied. That is, you (3) are holding our awards, verified by the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court, hostage until we meet your demands; you do this even though (4) we have expressed disagreements about Lane Powell's billing *in writing* to you over the years.

The written word creates an objectively verifiable record. An officer of the court like you should have no problem with creating a record of your words. Put whatever you have to say *in writing* to Michele Earl Hubbard and send the message via email or letter. No more phone calls.

Your conduct is extremely unprofessional. Please don't contact us directly again.

Sincerely,



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