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The Honorable John F. Walter
United States District Court
Central District of California
312 N. Spring Street
Room 176, Courtroom 16
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: UNITED STATES v. MELVYN I. WEISS
NO. CR 05-587(E) - JFW

Dear Judge Walter,

Looking up from the bottom of the deep pit into which I have descended has been painful. I have spent day after day, and sleepless nights reflecting on how I could have permitted myself to stray so far off course from the hopes and desires I established for my life's work.

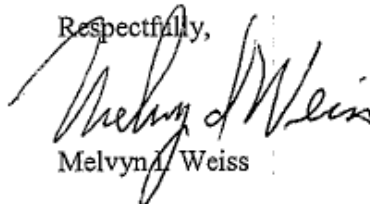
Our country's justice system and our adherence to the rule of law has always been in my mind what distinguishes the United States from the rest of the world. The ability of our citizens to obtain access to our courts, no matter how rich or poor they are, is one of the hallmarks of our society. The guilt I feel knowing that I have violated the law and contributed to doing harm to that access has wounded me enormously, and my remorse is unequivocal.

Your Honor, I would like to communicate something to you before you impose sentence. This is not to justify or excuse the criminal conduct to which I have pled guilty. Never, never, never to my knowledge, did I or any of my colleagues at Milberg provide anything but the best representation to our clients. I did wrong, there is no doubt about that, but in performing our legal work we tried our very best to always supply exceptional legal representation and we gained a reputation for legal excellence.

My work as a lawyer has ended after 48 years of practice. I am facing lawsuits and vicious public attacks. My life's work as a person who cares for others has now been disgraced. Your Honor, although I will soon be 73 years old, I don't want my life of serving others to end. I feel that even though I can no longer practice law, there are still many services that I can provide to my community, and I feel I have the integrity, desire and zeal to do it. My children, their friends and so many others have always sought my guidance. So many who I have guided have

become upstanding human beings by undertaking many charitable and civic-minded activities. I know that I can still provide the same kind of guidance to young people who need it. I can carefully guide them away from ever making the choice that I made which has led me to my present situation. In addition, I can mediate disputes for people who don't have the resources to hire a lawyer and access our court system. In so doing, I can use the skills that I have developed to help others and hopefully help undo the damage I have caused. I ask you for that opportunity.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melvyn Weiss". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

Melvyn Weiss