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Mr. Dan Cogdell
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VIA MESSENGER

Dear Mr. Cogdell:

I am writing you as counsel for Ariana Vinegas in your capacity as lead counsel for Don Jackson. Please consider this letter my client's formal demand for an apology.

As you know, over the past several weeks my client has been the complaining witness against Former Judge Don Jackson which arose as a result of his sexual advances toward her in exchange for dismissal of charges in his court arising from her DWI case. Ultimately, your client was convicted of the crime of Official Oppression, the result of which was a sentence of a year in jail, a four thousand dollar fine, the loss of his bench, and other forms of punishment.

Unfortunately, it was not just your client that was put on trial. Your client, through you and co-counsel Mr. Dickson, further attacked her by putting Ariana's character on trial publicly, putting her through a character-assassination on the stand, portraying her as sexually provocative, attacking her work and education history, and by accusing her of abusing the system by entrapping him in this scandal. This does not reflect the spirit of Houston, nor of America.

Accordingly, please consider this letter my client's formal demand for a public apology for the following acts:

1. An apology is owed to Ariana and to the public by Judge Jackson for his sexual advances toward Ariana in exchange for favorable treatment in his court;
2. An apology is owed to Ariana and to the public by Judge Jackson for allowing you and Mr. Dickson to attack her character publicly. He was the person on trial, not her. This line of attack against the victim of a crime serves no good societal purpose and was cruel to her;
3. An apology is owed to Ariana for Judge Jackson's public humiliation of her. She

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paid, and continues to pay, a large cost for this attack, both emotional and financial.

In return for a public apology for these three offenses, my client is prepared to sign a document which would formally release you and the County from any civil liability. This offer is open until 5:00 p.m., December 23, 2009. The apology needs to be made in writing by Judge Jackson for his conduct and for the conduct of his counsel. A qualified apology or a non apology will not be considered an "apology" for the purposes of this offer. For example, a statement from your client that he is sorry Ariana feels the way she does will not be considered an "apology" for the purposes of this letter. Furthermore, an apology by a representative of Judge Jackson will also not be acceptable.

Since he was not able to act responsibly as Judge, I hope he will take responsibility for his behavior and apologize as she is requesting.

Sincerely,



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