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The Honorable Charles E. Brown
The Honorable John G. Haas
The Honorable Sara E. Lioi
The Honorable Richard D. Reinbold, Jr.
The Honorable Lee Sinclair
Judges of Stark County Common Pleas Court
Stark County Courthouse
115 Central Plaza North
Canton, OH 44702

Re: Mediation - Joe Calabretta Wilson, et al, v. Tabb, et al

Dear Honorable Brown, Haas, Lioi, Reinbold, Sinclair

I recently was involved in mediation with Joe Calabretta in the case mentioned above. The case involved a wrongful death and medical malpractice claim.

The mediator, Joe Calabretta, was able to resolve this claim after meeting with the parties for almost six hours. Both my client and I were impressed with Mr. Calabretta's compassion, negotiation skills and analysis of the case.

In the morning, there did not appear to be any chance of settlement. However, Mr. Calabretta did an excellent job of pointing out all parties' strengths and weaknesses. At the end of the mediation, I think all parties were satisfied with the resolution.

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As you may expect in a mediation, all parties may be a little stubborn, inflexible and not willing to accept any weaknesses in their case. Mr. Calabretta had a good grasp of all the issues and each party's vulnerabilities. What was more impressive was the professionalism he displayed with my client whose wife had died as a result of the claims in this case. At no time did my client feel pressured or that his case was not important to Mr. Calabretta.

It is no mystery why the Stark County Mediation program has such a tremendous reputation. After experiencing mediation in other counties, I believe the same type of dedication and skills are not present in those counties. Mr. Calabretta and your court need to be complimented for such a positive forum to resolve cases.

Sincerely,

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cc: J. Calabretta