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Sue Bell  
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Re: **Possible lawsuit against Jeffrey Ackermann, et al**

Dear Sue:

I have studied with great interest your proposed course of action with regard to filing a lawsuit against Ackermann, Sandoz, and possibly even your siblings. I feel that I am sufficiently familiar with the facts of your case to be able to decide how to respond to your request that I represent you in any of these future proceedings. My thoughts are as follows:

1. This would be an unusual case of action for the principle reason that your allegations against Ackermann would also, because of his filing, be made against the court of law judge's child, though I believe they would not be part of any suit against a

I am not suggesting that you didn't get a bad decision. You did. I am not suggesting that you would promptly seek a response to our contention that he damaged you. In other words, this issue has already been ruled upon by the court and has not been overturned.

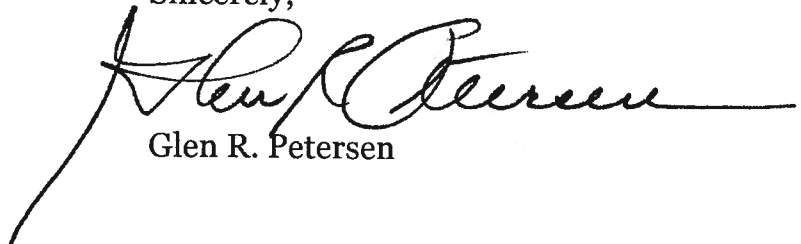
2. I do not believe a Rule 60 motion will succeed either. I am of the opinion that the purpose of this rule is to allow the court to correct its own error, not to overturn the court's decision. I do not believe that anyone can either lose an appeal or not take an appeal and then rely upon a Rule 60 motion to accomplish that which they wanted, but failed to accomplish through an appeal.

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[REDACTED], I cannot agree to take this case on a contingency basis and will insist on being paid at a (lowered) rate of \$200 per hour. I do recognize that you have paid me the sum of \$1,500 for the time it took to review your documentation. My time slips to this point add up to almost 24 hours of time in this case. I have not taken your case lightly. I believe that you have been wronged, but I am not too sure that this wrong can be righted at this point and by these means. As such, I would ask that you post a \$7,500 retainer in order for me to agree to sign on. Our standard retainer agreement stipulates that the client will replenish the retainer if it drops to a minimal amount. This case could be extremely time consuming or it could end in short fashion. Unfortunately, I envision a fierce battle with many lawyers involved. I am not shying away from such, but would only agree to enter the battle with adequate funding.

I appreciate your confidence in me and have enjoyed meeting with you and Pam on the couple of occasions that we have. If you are in agreement with the above, please let me know immediately so that we can move forward as soon as possible. [REDACTED]  
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Sincerely,

  
Glen R. Petersen

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