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RE: Laurette Borduas Eifrig

Dear Janet:

It has now been over a year since this family ordeal began. Having my mother wrenched from us has been the most difficult thing that Alicea, Ralph, Hermine and I have ever had to endure. The emotional stress has been overwhelming. First not knowing where my mother was and whether or not she was all right, then finding out where she was and being kept from her by Suzette, and then finally getting her and being prohibited to see and talk to her by the court, as if we were criminals. The entire ordeal has been unbelievable. This experience has been worse than my year of cancer treatment.

My family and I have discussed the extreme procrastination practices of the Rhode Island courts, the enormous emotional and financial burdens, and the fact that we see no ability to resolve this case in the near future. We feel that the other attorneys, including the guardian, have their own agendas and they have been favored by both the court and the press.

So much of what I have heard about, and read about, regarding your state has unfortunately proven to be true. I think the recent editorial by Harold Meyer that Alicea sent you, about why he bailed out of Rhode Island, helped me put some of this in perspective. They will never send my mother home, she will die there lonely and without any of her family there to support her, while they continue to use up the money that she worked her whole life to save for her later years. It is truly unbelievable.

If it was not for you, I'm sure I would have fallen apart a long time ago. You have been ever diligent in your counsel, ever diligent in your caring and attention to this case. I appreciate all that you have done and feel I have been in such capable hands; you are an excellent attorney.

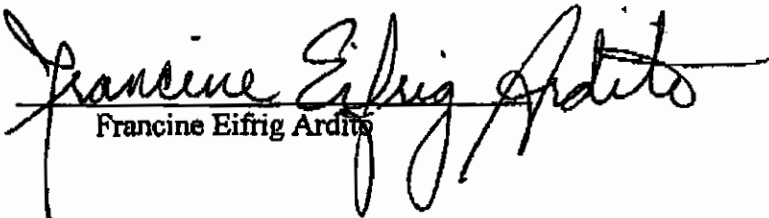
That is why it was difficult for me to make this decision. This, however, has taken an enormous emotional and financial toll on me personally. I want my mother back, we all want her back, but I cannot continue to finance this effort any longer. And because I have grown

to know you so well, and know that you put 110% into everything you do, I would never ask, nor would I accept, that you continue without being compensated. So it is with great regret that I must terminate our professional relationship effective immediately. I will continue to try to get my mother back to Virginia, the best I am able, on my own.

Please feel free to share this letter with the court, the press, or anyone else that you deem necessary.

Again, thank you for all that you have done.

Warmest regards,


Francine Eifrig Ardito