Personal Statement of Edward R. Reines

I seriously regret the consequences to the Court and Judge Rader from my forwarding of his email of March 5. I did not anticipate or intend any of this. Let me explain. The oral arguments on March 4 were some of my best work as an advocate. I had represented my clients to the best of my ability and was gratified that a member of the panel had complimented the presentations. I saw nothing untoward about the kind compliment or the email passing along that compliment, neither of which addressed the merits of the cases. I forwarded the email to people in my personal and professional network who I thought would be interested—my mom, my brothers and sister, friends, clients, former clients, prospective clients, lawyers with whom I have worked, and law firm colleagues. I did so because I was proud of my performance and the compliment and, as regards clients, former clients, and prospective clients, because the compliment regarding my advocacy might properly encourage them to consider me as their advocate in the future.

I did not forward the email to advertise a friendship with Judge Rader. I hope I have many friends among the judges and bar of this Court. Over the last couple decades, I have worked professionally in many ways to assist my clients, the Court, its members, and its bar, and I treasure the friendships that have developed during that work and take pride that I have been recognized as a loyal supporter of the Court. But I perceive no need or utility to advertise those friendships, and I am aghast at the suggestion that I was implying that I could somehow improperly influence case outcomes. It is not true. It did not even occur to me that forwarding the email might be misconstrued as a suggestion that I could improperly influence the Court on the basis of friendship. I intended to suggest only that I was capable of excellent advocacy as illustrated by my performance in the back-to-back oral arguments in March. And Judge Rader's encouragement that I show the email to others reinforced my sense that it was appropriate to share.

Consistent with the following submission by my counsel and the accompanying opinions of independent experts, I respectfully believe that I have not violated professional standards. But that belief in no way diminishes my regret for the consequences of forwarding the email. I would never intentionally harm the interests of this Court or any of its members. In hindsight, it was a mistake to distribute the Email, and I apologize for having done so.

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing Personal Statement of Edward R. Reines is true and correct.

Executed on: July 7, 2014

Edward R. Reines

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