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Michael Jones, MSW
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Re: *State of Texas vs. Joe Smith*

Dear Mr. Jones:

It is my desire to retain you as a member of the defense team in the *State of Texas vs. Joe Smith*, which I expect will be eventually set for trial in the 379th Judicial District Court of Bexar County, Texas. As a member of the defense team, I will consult with you in the evaluation, preparation, and presentation of our case in behalf of Mr. Smith. As a member of the defense team, you are bound by the lawyer-client privilege contained in Rule 503 of the Texas Rules of Evidence. Specifically, you will be considered "a representative of the lawyer" and I will ask you to assist me "in the rendition of professional legal services." As such, all communications between you and your office and the client and my office will be privileged and confidential. Should anyone not a member of the defense team attempt to speak with you about Mr. Smith or his case, please decline in view of Rule 503.

I will be in touch with you soon. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark Stevens