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RE: Robert Bennett Disbarment Proceeding

TO ALL CONCERNED:

The documents and evidence presented at trial relating to the disciplinary proceeding against Robert Bennett are known to me. Not only were the findings of the commission and the verdict at trial shocking, but, in my opinion, the verdict was completely without basis in fact or evidence and contradictory to the recommendation of the Commission. There was no evidence offered to support the conclusion of the trial judge, and a judgment of disbarment, even had evidence been offered, was certainly a misuse of judicial discretion.

I have known Bob for more years than I like to recall beginning at the time when he was with the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Texas. As a criminal defense attorney, Bob and I were often on opposite sides of the table. Since he left the Department of Justice, we

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have been in direct contact in the courtroom infrequently, but we have maintained a professional relationship for almost forty years. In those many years, I have known Bob to practice with the highest ethical standards and with a zeal for his clients, whether as a prosecutor or a legal practitioner, that has always been outstanding. Bob is a role model for young attorneys and an attorney of unparalleled accomplishments.

The disbarment of Robert Bennett is a stain on the Commission for Lawyer Discipline and one I hope can be rectified in the appellate process. I stand ready to support Bob in any fashion deemed necessary at any time.

Very truly yours,

/s/

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