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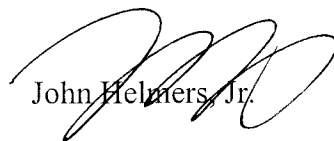
Louis Waterman, Esq.
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RE: Rhoades v. Ricketts

Dear Louis:

Please forward this letter to Julia Ricketts.

Very truly yours,



John Helmers, Jr.

Enclosure

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Julia,

March 12, 2009

As the mother and father of Julian Anthony, I believe it is imperative we begin acting in our son's best interest. I believe this means addressing the most fundamental component of his best interest, which is finding a way he can have both of us participate in his life. Our son deserves so much more from us and deserves to have an opportunity to know and love both of us, not in 15 years but now.

Although it may be difficult, I believe we can work towards the goal of our son's best interest by beginning a dialogue and putting aside personal feelings. I believe, as a mother and father who love their son beyond words, we must find a way to move forward. This will begin when we take all of our son's family into consideration, e.g. maternal, paternal, and step-family.

We owe it to our son to be amicable, mature, and loving in this very difficult situation. Moreover, we owe it to our son, and his brothers, to let him know his well being is more important than our petty disagreements.

All I have ever wanted, something you promised you'd never deny me, is to participate in our son's life. Our son needs to know that we both love him with all our hearts. He needs to know we put his needs above our own. I miss our son and desperately long to see him. I love Julian Anthony and want to ensure he has an opportunity to enjoy my love and the love of his grandparents.

We can and must do what is right for our son, as he'll one day look back on all this and this letter. Let's minimize any further or future heartache and pain by considering everyone involved and embracing the reality of the situation with honesty and integrity.

I sincerely hope you are ready to work towards an agreeable solution.

James