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Re: The Coronavirus, the Courts, and Your Case

Dear Client:

I hope this letter finds you in good health. We write to update you during this uncertain time.

As of today, our office is open. However, the Courts are closed for all in person appearances. No new trials will commence, and there will be no court appearances “until further notice.” Some Courts are allowing for the parties to submit Stipulations in lieu of holding Conferences. Some Courts are planning on conducting telephone or video Conferences. The manner in which the Courts are operating has been in flux.

What does this mean for your case? Unfortunately, we are expecting most cases to take longer to resolve. Motions can still be submitted to the Court, but there will be no oral arguments heard. Depositions may be conducted, but have a good likelihood of being adjourned in the near future. Private arbitrations and mediations, which are held outside of the Court system, may proceed if all parties are willing and able. It may be necessary to conduct Deposition Preparations over the phone rather than in person.

If we are forced to close the office, we will have access to our computers from home, and have the ability to retrieve messages. However, I would suggest that e-mail would be the best way to communicate.

We will continue to diligently work on your behalf, and ask for your patience and understanding as we deal with factors which are not in our control. On the other hand, please work with us and return any documents we need signed, or information we request, in a timely fashion, so that we may do everything that is in our, and your, control, to help us move your case towards a resolution.

Very truly yours,

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