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Sandy and Barbara:

Sandy's suggestion today that the Farm wishes to either negotiate my bill or fight about it knocked me to the floor.

In the wake of our final and decisive victory, I am suddenly told that I have been preyed upon in my professional trust. In thirty-three years of practice, this has never happened to me.

Yesterday I mentioned to Louise that it was time to go north and have dinner and celebrate a victory and perhaps chat with Marco in Italian. Needless to say, this dispute has become part of her life, too, given her tolerance of many discussions in cars, at home and elsewhere as the Farm and I worked together over the years.

We have achieved a lot together. We have maintained mutual respect and perhaps more. I have expected and hoped for a life long friendship with you. I have been attentive and responsive to the Farm's needs at the drop of a hat. You have expressed pride and gratitude for my work. I have done all that the Farm has asked and there is an endless paper trail of your commentary on my superb work--to me and to the world. You have also repeatedly acknowledged Jake's good work and patience.

Our professional work has been successful. I hung in there with the Farm through every tough moment. You never could have gotten this representation out of anyone else for less than twice the bills I have presented.

I obtained a judgment for \$72,000 for a portion of the fees and expenses. The Farm never expected or counted on this windfall going in to the dispute. I created this judgment for you, which extended your goal of proving the Agency wrong.

In the past, you paid every bill to the dime. I trusted this pattern. You have signed affidavits saying that you were responsible for my bill in this case. We hold the truth inviolate, as do you.

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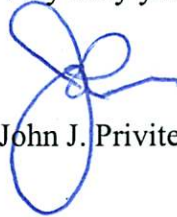
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I have never lied on a bill or inflated a bill. I have occasionally reduced relatively small bills for people who cannot afford my representation. I have done hundreds of hours of pro bono work for the impoverished. But I have never had a client of means demand a reduction in my bill.

I hope to read an honorable word from the Farm upon my return.

Congratulations on the victory and all that it stands for in the North Country and for the Farm.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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