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Helen Edgington, Chair
Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board
c/o Lewis Unglesby
246 Napoleon Street
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RE: Larry Bankston

Dear Ms. Edgington:

I began practicing law in 1974 and met Larry shortly after he became licensed in 1976. I had an opportunity to work with Larry both as a lawyer and as a Senator.

While I am certainly aware of Larry's criminal conviction, I would like to convey to you that, in all of my dealings with Larry, he always dealt in a most honest, ethical and professional manner. I truly believe that Larry has learned from his past errors and has the capacity to return to a law practice which is honorable, ethical and professional. If I can provide any additional information, please do not hesitate to call me or write me.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,


John W. deGravelles

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