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Subject: Larry S. Bankston – Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board hearing – July 26, 2000

I have known Larry Bankston for over 15 years. In my past dealings with him, he has always been honest, straightforward and has always done things the right way. Also, in his two terms in the Louisiana State Senate where he was well liked and, indeed, was expected by many to some day be President of the Senate, he was admired by his constituents and “known as someone who can get things done.”

I certainly cannot comment on his past difficulties as I do not know all of the facts. However, it appears that he may have been a scapegoat for others involved in that controversy. In any event, Larry is a warm friendly intelligent human being that deserves his return to the practice of law. He certainly has “paid his dues” and I would think that reinstatement of his law license could only benefit his clients and the people of Louisiana. So I recommend strongly that consideration be given to the above and that Larry be restored his license to again practice law.

Respectfully submitted



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