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Ms. Helen Edgington, Chair
Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board
c/o Lewis Unglesby
246 Napoleon Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

RE: Larry S. Bankston

Dear Ms. Edgington:

I understand that the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board is scheduled to hear the case of Larry S. Bankston on July 26, 2000 to determine the future status of his law license. I am writing to respectfully request that in this case the disciplinary board consider a license suspension as opposed to disbarment.

In addition to being a practicing attorney I also serve in the Louisiana House of Representatives. During my term of service I came to know Larry Bankston as he served two terms in the Louisiana State Senate. Larry is now finishing his confinement for his felony conviction which did not involve the practice of law.

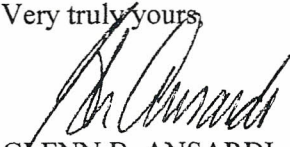
These actions, although inexcusable, did not involve any ill practices to a legal client or the loss of clients' funds.

Please take into consideration Larry's involvement in numerous civic activities such as founding board member and president of the Baton Rouge Battered Woman Shelter; board member of the East Baton Rouge mental Health Association; board member of the Baton Rouge Chapter of the American Red Cross; board member of the East Baton Rouge Commission on the Needs of Women; and numerous other civic and charitable boards and commissions.

Larry is truly remorseful for the activities that lead to his criminal charges and convictions. He is now ready to begin a new life that the restoration of his license could give him.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,



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