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Ms. Helen Edgington, Chair
Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board
C/O Lewis Unglesby
246 Napoleon Street
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Dear Ms. Edgington,

We are writing this letter as life long friends of Larry Bankston. We've known Larry since our college days at LSU.

Our children who started kindergarten together recently graduated as part of the class of 2000. Along the way, Larry helped coach our daughters in many sports. His lessons of sportsmanship, team play, hard work and doing one's best were areas that we really appreciated. He has been a model parent and family man. Larry has been supportive of school administration and given many hours as an enthusiastic volunteer.

Over the past 20 years, Larry has been involved in numerous civic activities: founding board member and president of the Baton Rouge Battered Women's Shelter; and board member of EBR Mental Health Association, BR chapter of American Red Cross, and EBR Commission on the Needs of Women.

We were shocked when Larry was convicted, but we continued our support of this long time friend. We visited him in Beaumont. The rigorous schedule of physical workouts and assisting others that Larry kept while incarcerated and his upbeat, positive attitude were reminders of the role model we've always known him to be.

For all these reasons, we encourage the board to seriously consider letting him return to the practice of law as soon as possible. This could be achieved through a suspension for a specific time period, if necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



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