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I'm writing in regard of ~~SC Court of Appeals~~ feel as tho there are plenty of reasons my case should be appealed but my biggest is b/c I feel and know I wasn't represented to the best of my lawyer's ability. Since I first retained her she hasn't done anything for me except take me for bond court, other than that everytime I called she would just talk me, my mother, the Mother of my child and my grandma. Nobody could ever have a full conversation with her about my case. Everytime she would see me she would just @t me and ask me the same questions each time. She never not once came and discussed my Rule 5 wit me until a couple days before court, so I had no knowledge of what was going on except the basic or things I was learning from other inmates. The only thing she would tell me was take the plea and in making the dumbest decision of my life taking it to trial, and the only reason I was taking it to trial b/c I didn't know about anything the only thing it was my lawyer was lazy and she didn't want to go to trial, so it was like I can beat my case my lawyer just don't work hard enough at all, and when I hired her she promised me she could get my charges drop if not she could beat it in trial cuz she said she won 95% of her murder trial, so she had me convinced but after I gave her her down payment it was all

about pleading from there her whole attitude changed. And I truly believe she didn't study my case at all but last year in July of 2021, we was in bond court Judge ~~Jefferson~~ asked my lawyer a question about something in my Rule 5 and my lawyer didn't know and the question was simple and something she should have def. known so the Judge asked her how long she had my case and she responded 2 years so the judge asked her "so you don't know the question im asking" and my lawyer responded she didn't so the judge looked at me and told me I need to have a heart to heart with my lawyer which was true. During this same bond court the Solicitor was talking about trial and my lawyer told the judge she was ready and prepared to go to trial which she wasn't but they set my trial date for September 20, 2021. So after that I called my lawyer and told her if we are having trial she needs to come talk to me and discuss it but we was not prepared to go to trial she told me she would come but she never showed up and didn't answer the phone so when the 20th came no trial. Everyone that I ever run into and had my lawyer had the same complaints and wish they never had her same as I. I would always ask her to talk to the Solicitor about a lower plea she would always say they wouldn't but during my sentencing the solicitor said if she wouldn't

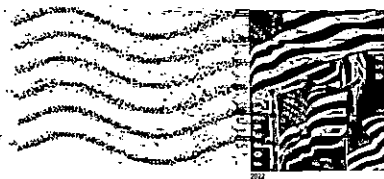
came and talked about a later plea they could've discussed something so I feel as tho she didn't ever talk to them about it. During the day her paralegal was discussing my Rule 5 before trial and he was explaining all the evidence what they meant and just doing what she was been suppose to she came in and stopped our conversation and told him and I that we didn't have time for that and stopped our discussing and try to get me to plea like always at the end she told me she would come back tmr but she didn't. I ended up pleading. He I know my lawyer wasn't confident at all and I wasn't comfortable going to trial with her at all I wanted to fire her a while ago but she told me I would have to represent myself and I didn't have the funds to hire another one at the time. At sentencing she made it seem like I told her I wasn't going to trial but I was guilty and I wanted to plea which wasn't the case. But when I told her I was pleading her attitude changed she stopped yelling and then ik she just wanted my case to be over. I have more but they said I have a certain time period for this letter and Im in Kirkland R&F and not able to access the phone so gather all details at the moment so sorry for the lateness of this letter and I hope and pray that my appeal is accepted. Thank you.

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