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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I am aware that I need to file a status letter concerning the transcript request by today. Unfortunately I have been out sick a good bit with dental issues that resulted two oral surgeries the last of which was June 21, 2023 I apologize that this caused me not to write the Court sooner.

I ordered this transcript and the Court Reporter acknowledged receiving the request very promptly. She subsequently sent me the estimate for the transcript to be produced. I advised the client's mother and she forwarded the funds to me fairly quickly. I wrote a check to the court reporter and made a copy of the original request to send to her with my check. I believed it went out in the outgoing mail from my office on that date. Unfortunately I later found that letter with my check in closed on my desk and realized it had not been put in the outgoing mail. I rewrote a new check and made another copy of the original request form. I, of course, immediately contacted the Court Reporter and apologized for this error. She graciously responded and said she would get the transcript ready for me as quickly as possible. Thus far, I have not received this transcript.

All this happened while I have been experiencing some serious dental issues and have been out sick a good bit. I have had two painful oral surgeries, the second of which was June 21, 2023. During this time period my part-time paralegal was out of the office as well on a long vacation out of the country.

I came into the office today for the purpose of filing a formal Petition asking for an extension of time for this transcript to be produced and provided to me and for the Initial Brief to be filed. I arrived to find that my office keys were not in my briefcase. I am going back home to try and locate the keys and I plan to come back and prepare and digitally file a formal Petition. I am sending this status report now, just in case I am not able to get the formal Petition out before the Court closes for the weekend. If I am able to find my keys to my office, I will get a formal petition out later today. If not, I may have to have a locksmith change my lock Monday morning. In a strike of bad timing, my paralegal is again on a trip out of State and I can't get her keys.

I thank the Court for their understanding. I am still on antibiotics and have another appointment July 6, 2023 concerning a possible third surgery. Hopefully this will soon be behind me.

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