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The Honorable Jenny Abbott Kitchings
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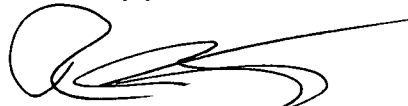
Re: Cynthia D. Bales, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Frank R. Bales v.
Abel Martinez-Martinez
Case No.: 2010-CP-10-8631
Appellate Case No.: 2012-212082
CCS File No.: 1900-45369

Dear Ms. Kitchings:

I am writing in response to your June 28, 2013 letter regarding oral arguments in the above-referenced matter to be considered in October. I have checked my calendar and I do not have any conflicts on October 15, 16, or 17. I do have a conflict the week of October 7 as I am currently scheduled to take depositions in Houston, Texas and Cincinnati, Ohio in a large bad faith insurance case (*Baldwin Construction Co. v. American Empire Surplus Lines Insurance Co., et al.*, Case No. 2012-CP-26-5677) involving multiple attorneys.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,



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