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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

My name is Steven S. Walkup, and I had a court case in Horry County, where my attorney abandoned me after basically ruining my case with his pleading and then interfered multiple times with my attempt to gain new counsel. Instead of getting my home back and damages, he fraudulently did everything he could to assist the other side. After abandonment, I continued to seek other counsel and no one would help, although many said that I deserved justice. I came to find out later that I could have dismissed the fraudulent counterclaim, but that would "only" result in me getting back my home worth over \$250,000, yet no damages. Although I would have almost immediately sold my home and would have agreed to pay them handsomely, I was at this point homeless and unable to pay a large retainer up front.

After battling these horrible people for years all alone, I was not allowed to enter the courtroom on the day of my final hearing, and was instead sent to a little room at the end of the hall. I could not see if my subpoenaed witnesses were present or get all of my files in banker's boxes out and get ready to try my (four-year) case. The other attorney, Paul Young, then came to the little room and started offering me money and made several false claims while doing so. The MIE Court did numerous things wrong here, the least of which was his attorney contacting me relentlessly after hours and on Good Friday. I had also been told in writing by a very respected attorney in a neighboring county that "there was no way I could beat them all". In the end, my mental health was in such a bad state, battling for the last year while homeless, that I was coerced into accepting "peanuts" just to try and end my homelessness.

Immediately thereafter I knew I had been cheated yet again by the establishment and subsequently started the appellate process. However, after reviewing the statistics of Pro Se appeals in SC (similar to the fact that SC NEVER disciplines judges), I decided after consulting my best friend from college, whose brother was an attorney, to just go to work seven days a week and try to regain my mental health. This has taken almost a year to accomplish, as I secretly slept at night in a storage unit, while squeezing every penny I had.

Thank the Lord, I not only have a civil conspiracy case within statutes of limitations that has at least six(6) financially well-to-do entities, but the largest defense lawyers in America are going to take my case, which included loss of a \$300,000 home and massive credit damages. I do not plan to settle but go all the way to the jury (my attorney cheated me out of a jury trial twice). What I am asking this Court of Appeals to do is to refund the \$250 U.S. Postal money order that was sent to you. I just today, for the first time, was able to open the communications from this court. If I did not know Jesus and have a son, I certainly would have terminated my life during this most horrific and traumatic experience. It took the Office of Disciplinary Counsel about two and a half years to finally answer my formal complaint that I had hand-delivered to Columbia. Naturally they let this despicable attorney off the hook, as they figured I had just gone away for good. The real fight is just about to begin. Hopefully, these horrible entities will be served during the holiday season, to make sure they have a little less jovial time. Please do the right thing and return my hard-earned money.

Mr. Walkup