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Honorable V. Claire Allen  
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P. O. Box 11629  
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**Re: City of Conway, Respondent vs. Gerald Builders of Conway, Inc., Appellant  
Case No. 2007-CP-26-2852**

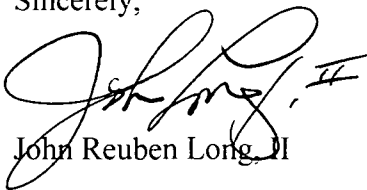
Dear Ms. Allen:

I hope that this letter finds you well. The above referenced case has been tentatively scheduled for oral arguments on March 5, 2013. I have recently been retained in a homicide by child abuse case in Marlboro County, and the trial has been schedule to begin on March 4, 2013 before Judge Baxley. I moved for a continuance, but Judge Baxley denied it due to the fact that the case is more than one year old, and the March 5<sup>th</sup> date was set in December.

I understand that the Court of Appeals is a superior court to General Sessions as to scheduling, but I respectfully request that the oral arguments in the above referenced case be continued so that I may concentrate on the preparation for this very serious and detailed criminal case. I apologize for making this request, but I am very concerned about having enough time to properly prepare for both the trial and the oral arguments.

If you have any questions regarding this please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



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