

**Carter, Elizabeth A.**

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**From:** Brian Pitts <brianpitts@speblaw.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2013 10:48 AM  
**To:** Carter, Elizabeth A.  
**Subject:** FW: The Arata case and Jack Simrill (missing in action)

**Importance:** High

Elizabeth, Here is the e-mail I told you about. Brian Pitts

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**From:** McLeod, Heather [mailto:hmcleod@bcgov.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2013 1:40 PM  
**To:** Brian Pitts (brianpitts@speblaw.net); Brian C. Pitts (jburley@speblaw.net)  
**Subject:** The Arata case and Jack Simrill (missing in action)  
**Importance:** High

Brian / John:

I wanted to let you know that Mr. Arata contacted me today in response to you notice of status conference on April 24<sup>th</sup>. I explained to him why this is scheduled and how we have been unable to get in contact with Jack Simrill as well as the concern of the confirmed Bankruptcy and if they were going to amend it to include this judgment. He informed me that both Jack and his wife are very sick and are now in assisted living and Jack did not renew his license to practice law. Mr. Arata also informed me he just recently has retained Karl Twenge to represent him in this case and he is officially meeting with him on Monday to go over their next steps. I told Mr. Arata to let Karl know he needed to file a Notice of Appearance with the Clerk's Office and also to make him aware of the scheduled status conference on April 24<sup>th</sup>. I also told him that if Karl needed some more time to become more familiar with the case we could find a different date for the status conference and also do it by telephone. Now that Karl is involved it might even be a situation where you can resolve the whole issue without having to come back before Judge Dukes or the Appeals Court, who knows. At any rate, I expect we will be hearing from Karl shortly.

**Please contact us immediately if you are waiting on a ruling and it has been more than 30 days.**

**If you have a motion older than 30 days needing a hearing, please email me a filed copy and I will work with you on scheduling. Please note, there may be jurisdiction or conflict issue resulting in Judge Dukes being unable to hear a motion.**

**Thanking You in Advance,**

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