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**Between us, why did you even ask me to review ab initio?**

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I am very troubled by that. The worst answer of the "multiple choices" in my head is that you just wanted to waste my time and also deal my morale a fatal blow because many people know how much I cherish you as if you were my son and that if I were to become disillusioned in you, it would break my spirit. I just don't get from you the feeling that you are that manipulative or Michiavellian. So, that remains the least likely answer in my mind.

The most likely answer in my mind, even though it still disillusiones me and I still blame you, is that you had confidence in me and acted in good faith but were not prepared for: (a) that I would form an expert opinion, not only of actual innocence of your client, but also of extreme (intentional) incompetence by Nurse Robin Baker; and (b) the extent of bluffing (except you did not see it as such) the AG's Office gave you about attacking my credibility.

Either before I met you or at the same time, when Clarke Newton was my stand-by counsel, I noticed that you had a reputation (which you perhaps nurtured) that you were the least self-confident attorney in the office. After talking to you, I decided that was a very undeserved reputation and that it was not healthy for you to nurture it. I decided that you were the most open to learning and that is much better than those who are set in their wrong ways or who refuse to fill the gaps in their knowledge.

You also told me you were disorganized. I love Clarke Newton too. He was acted happy to see me and said he will always support me as my stand-by counsel then. But he often left his back pack (his young lawyer version of a brief case) in the courtroom after his appearance was over. I once found it in the magistrate's courtroom and told them I think I know whose it is; the staff responded that he often leaves it and calls for it. So, they will hold it for him.

The moral of that is that some people forget things. I promised you I will not let you become the bungler Orin Briggs is; and I keep my promises.

The more I turn it in my mind, the more I become convinced that I should chatise you, not for refusing to call me to testify after I did all the work on short notice, but because you should have prepared earlier for whatever your strategy was going to be and then stood firm on it. Public defenders do not care if convicts PCR them; but you should have known that private lawyers do because it damages their reputation; and you should have known that Bill Rast will not cooperate with you or at least will not admit to having been ineffective. You should have had, not just a "Plan B," but "Plans A-E."

I have not abandoned my plans, God willing, to do what my conscience requires based on what I learned. But I also needed to be true to my promise to you. It may be too late for Mr. Briggs; but it certainly is not for you. Because you are a genuinely honest person, you possibly do not understand that your opponents are bluffing you. YOU NEED TO BECOME TOUGHER AGAINST THEIR BLUFFS.

Thanks and God bless./Marie

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