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To My Dear Friends, Clients and Colleagues:

During my 40 years in the active practice of law, I have tried more than 125 cases to verdict, handled many appeals, and resolved more than 1,000 cases at various stages of the litigation. As you know, I cherish any opportunity to represent my clients in trial, with a jury, regardless of the forum. I have been graced with the opportunity to do so in more than 40 diverse federal and state courts in the United States and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

I believe passionately in the civil advocacy system, especially the right to a fair trial. The critical ingredient in all litigation is the attorney-client partnership, built on mutual trust, understanding and preparation. Mediation is now a way of life for the legal professional and client alike. However, a fair resolution depends entirely on the rigorous efforts of the parties' counsel from day one of any case.

I have had the opportunity to practice and work with extremely talented lawyers, engineers, scientists and physicians. I continue to represent some of the finest corporations and people in the world. I am extremely proud of the wonderful relationships that I have built with so many counsel and judges. I believe I have something to offer all parties in serious civil lawsuits, if they intend to explore amicable resolution.

Mediation may appear to be an "easy" process – not so! An effective mediator must do three (3) things:

- Devote himself or herself totally to the process of understanding the facts, issues, allegations, defenses and applicable law;
- Demand the highest quality, ethical advocacy on the part of all counsel involved; and,
- Respectfully listen to and directly engage each party, with a goal toward defining the parameters of a meaningful settlement.

I intend to offer litigants a unique option for mediator candidate: a trial attorney at the apex of his career with a thriving caseload. I am convinced that my current professional perspective will help me guide competent, passionate and respectful parties to meaningful compromise and closure.

I welcome any inquiries and will be proud to be of service.

Very truly yours,

William J. Ricci