

December 15, 2010

Dear Panelist,

This letter covers the following topics

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PAUL ZSUFFA

As many of you know, long time panelist Paul Zsuffa passed away last month. I knew Paul for many years. He was a fine person and a fine lawyer. With the help of Steve Barnwell, I have managed to retrieve the files on all of Paul's open 18B cases. If you are assigned on any such case, please call our office to arrange to get the file.

NASSAU COUNTY CRIME LAB

The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors Laboratory Accreditation Board inspected the Nassau County Police Department Forensic Evidence Bureau Laboratory from November 7th through November 11, 2010. As a result, they placed the Nassau County Crime Lab on probation. Nassau County Criminal Court Bar President (and 18B Panelist) Bill Kephart provided me with a copy of the 27 page ASLCD Lab Inspection Report. If you would like a copy, please return the enclosed request form and we will fax it to you.

EMAIL

A new copy machine being installed in our office this week will enable us to communicate with all of you by email in a manner that is far easier than our present ability to do so. As a result, it is contemplated that future communications, such as this one, will be done by email only. This process is more efficient, less expensive and paperless. For those few of you out there who still do not have email, I strongly urge you to correct that situation so that you will not be left out of future announcements.

FAMILY COURT EXPERTS

I was recently questioned by some Family Court Judges and Panelists concerning what experts we will and will not pay for. Please note that we **will** pay for forensic evaluations – where the expert interviews parents, children and any ancillary third parties, and evaluates situation. We **will not** pay for parent coordinators (-where the expert acts as an arbiter between two parents who are at each other’s throats). We **will not** pay for therapeutic visitation (-where the expert accompanies a child during visitation because the child is uncomfortable with one or both parents). We **will not** pay for psychiatric therapy (- where the expert helps a party through a particular problem).

JUDICIARY LAW § 35 (8)

Family Court Panelists are reminded that if you are assigned **in Supreme Court** to represent a party in a Family Court type case, that representation is through Judiciary Law § 35 (8) and not through Article 18B. The fee in such case is **paid through the State** and not by this office. State vouchers, not 18B vouchers, should be used. This was all explained in my January 30, 2007 letter which can be found on our website (nassau18b.org) under “Admin Letters”. Please check there for further information.

ADDITIONS TO EXPERTS PANEL

The following personnel have been added to our Experts Panel:

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MY RETIREMENT

As most of you know, I will be retiring from my position as Administrator of the Nassau County Assigned Counsel Defender Plan at the end of this year*. I am doing this because I am a good husband and my wife ordered me (actually requested me) to do so. I have greatly enjoyed my 10 years with the 18B program and my interaction with the fine lawyers who comprise it. As I recently told a reporter for the New York Law Journal, the last 10 years have been “the quickest 10 years of my life”. I want to thank you all for that, and I wish you good health and much happiness in the future

Very truly yours,

Patrick L. McCloskey

* As of the date of this writing, my successor has not been named.

REQUEST FORM

FAX TO US AT 516.873.8032

**PLEASE FAX ME THE ASLCD LAB REPORT ON THE
NASSAU COUNTY CRIME LAB**

Name

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