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Dear Drew:

This is a long overdue letter to express my gratitude for your representation of Childrens Hospital Los Angeles in our claim against a previous insurer. This was a difficult and complex claim, and I realized from the outset that there was a substantial risk that the Hospital would not prevail on its claim.

I have been practicing law for 38 years as a law firm partner, director of a federal agency, law professor, and, currently, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Childrens Hospital Los Angeles. In these various roles I have had the opportunity to assess the performance of hundreds of attorneys, and am a notoriously tough critic of the quality of legal work. I want you to know that you are one of the best trial attorneys I have ever encountered. If asked to recommend a trial attorney, you would be one of very few attorneys that I would be comfortable recommending without qualification.

Your performance in the arbitration in which you represented Childrens Hospital Los Angeles was absolutely masterful. You were able to present an extraordinarily difficult and complex set of facts in a manner that was clear and easily understandable. In short, part of the genius of your presentation of the case was your ability to reduce a confusing and complicated set of facts to something clear, simple, and compelling. I specifically recall a chart that you prepared which, because of its clarity and force, devastated the arguments presented by the opposing counsel. The impact of the chart on the arbitrators was unmistakable and dramatic.

Many trial attorneys get lost in a sea of facts and do not clearly focus attention on the critical issues that will determine the outcome of the case. By contrast, a good trial attorney has the ability to tell a story in a way that

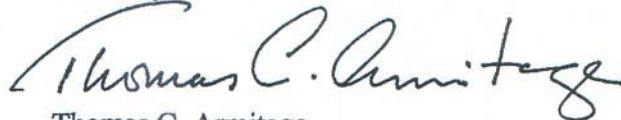
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is clear and compelling, and that centers around a limited number of themes that tie the facts together. You have this ability, which is a very rare and special gift.

One of the arbitrators, a retired judge, later expressed to me how highly he thought of your presentation and your skill as a trial attorney.

That fact that Childrens Hospital Los Angeles prevailed on this difficult claim was entirely due to your extraordinary skill. At the conclusion of the arbitration, I did not know whether or not we would prevail. But I knew that you had done everything that could possibly be done to increase our chances of success, and that no other attorney could have presented our case as artfully and convincingly as you did. Given the fact that we are a charitable, nonprofit organization that needs every penny to care for children with serious and chronic illnesses, the fact that you were able to obtain an award of \$4 million for the Hospital significantly assisted us in serving the needs of these children. For this, the Hospital and especially the medically fragile children that we serve are in your debt.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas C. Armitage". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

Thomas C. Armitage
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