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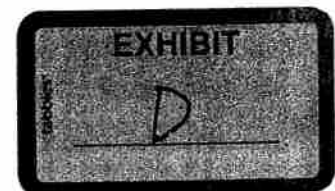
**Re:    Estate of Mary Sykes**

Dear Mr. Brodsky:

I write in response to your email of February 23, 2010 regarding my client's access to 6014 North Avondale. First, any contention that Carolyn Toerpe has in any way "committed several acts injurious" to Gloria Sykes' "interests and property" is utterly baseless.

Secondly, my client does not need Gloria's permission to access *her mother's* prior residence on the first floor of 6014 North Avondale. The home is in a trust, my client is the trustee of the trust, she therefore has the right as well as the obligation to secure the property and to inspect the property. Thirdly, my client is the guardian of her mother's estate and has the right and obligation to enter onto the premises to conduct the required inventory and to catalogue her mother's personal property which is still located at the home.

There is no need to incur the expense of retaining a third party to conduct a simple inventory of Mary's personal property. A supplemental inventory will be filed with the court and your client will then have the opportunity to file whatever objections or additions she wants. Your client has no legal basis to deny my client access to the home and given this unassailable fact, it is best for us to agree upon a time for my client to pick up keys to her mother's apartment so she can complete the inventory. The keys I refer to are for the exterior, rear door of the home. If, for any reason, the interior locks to the



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home have been changed we will need those as well. Also, we will need the original keys to the bolt and bottom locks and your client can maintain copies.

I truly hope that instead of ratcheting up the rhetoric and hardening the respective positions of the parties that we can broach these important subjects with an eye to settling

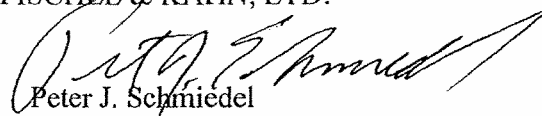
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the issues that confront this family in a manner conducive to cooperation rather than litigation.

Perhaps we can begin to discuss these matters on Thursday, February 25, 2010 after the hearing on your client's motions to reconsider.

Sincerely,

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