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RE:

Dear:

The New Jersey Crime Victims' Law Center is providing legal assistance to ___ in the criminal justice matter of State v. _____ in the Superior Court, Newton, New Jersey. _____ will be required to testify in the criminal trial of _____. After consulting with _____ parents, we believe that it would be emotionally traumatic for _____ to testify in open court in the presence of the defendant and the jury. The law provides for an alternative procedure if the victim is under the age of 16 years. The alternative is to have _____ testify via closed circuit television. I have attached a copy of the relevant language from the New Jersey Supreme Court's decision in State v. Smith that discusses this procedure.

I request that you review you this matter in light of the considerations set forth in State v. Smith, and render an opinion in writing concerning the effects of having _____ testify in open court. I have attached a draft of a letter to give to you the format for such a written opinion.

In all probability, you will be required to testify before the court about the contents of your letter and your opinions rendered.

I have asked Mr. and Mrs. _____ to sign any authorization you may require in order to comply with this request.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your courtesies extended.

Yours very truly,
Richard D. Pompelio
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