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ATTY. REG. & DISC. COMM.  
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Dear Ms. Church:

I am writing in response to allegations made against me to your commission by [REDACTED]. I want you to know that I will cooperate fully with any investigation you feel is necessary.

With regard to the accusation that I only filed charges against Dan French because one of Mr. French's victims is a campaign contributor, well that just simply is not true. It deeply disturbs me that one would suggest that my desire to seek justice for victims is based upon financial contributions to my campaign. It is and always has been my goal and that of my staff to seek justice for all victims in every case where we believe we can prove criminal activity beyond a reasonable doubt. Having served as LaSalle County State's Attorney since 2006, and as a prosecutor in this county of nearly 120,000 people since 1992, I have come to know a sizeable percentage of our population. Thankfully, I have received campaign contributions big and small from many people. That said, I would never violate my oath of office, including but not limited to, upholding the Constitution, simply because anyone made donations. I am honored to say that I have run unopposed in both of my elections, and while I use campaign funds appropriately to support great causes and have my name associated with them, I haven't had the need for significant funds.

Mr. Brandt, like many of the members of the LaSalle County Bar, has contributed to my campaigns. On two occasions he has had functions in his backyard for my campaign. Many people who come to the event, made checks payable to Mr. Brandt. He then deposited the checks and wrote one check to my campaign. Everything was handled legitimately through campaign finance reporting laws. He also enjoys bringing a

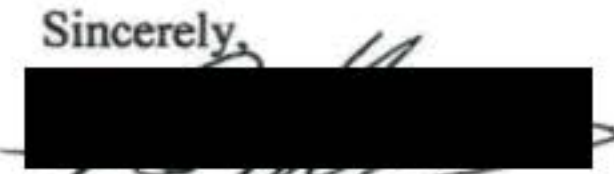
foursome to my golf outing nearly every year. Next week, I will be hosting my ninth annual event.

██████████ refers to Mr. Brandt as a "significant" campaign contributor. Hopefully, the above explanation sheds significant light on the situation; however, as I mentioned, if you have interest in seeing campaign finance reports, or would like to speak to Attorney Brandt or myself further, we would be happy to assist.

It would seem as though the campaign contributions are the impetus behind ██████████ complaints to both the A.R.D.C. and the Court in People vs. French. In addition, to this letter, I have enclosed the People's Response to Motion for Special Prosecutor for your review. The motion was fully argued by both parties and denied by the Court. The transcript of that hearing was mailed to you in separate correspondence as part of my report to the A.R.D.C. regarding ██████████ conduct. As most actions do not occur in a vacuum, I would ask that you consider the totality of the circumstances surrounding recent events here. Please review all of the materials I have sent you regarding ██████████ ██████████ and Mr. French as you review this matter.

I truly appreciate your time and effort as you review these matters. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any further inquiries.

Sincerely,

  
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