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Robert T. Hanlon
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Re: *Gasser et al v. Lukasik et al*
McHenry Co. Case 2017 CH 435

Dear Mr. Hanlon:

I have reviewed your letter to me dated July 11, 2019. Please be advised that I have not been appointed special counsel for Algonquin Township to nursemaid you or any other of the McHenry County Bar counsel in this case. My direction of the Algonquin Township Board of Trustees is to settle or dispose of this case to stop the unnecessary drain on the public treasury, specifically the astronomic amount of attorney's fees generated by the above case.

Please note that I am singularly unimpressed by your lawsuit, your representations that an unnamed former federal prosecutor, etc. have told you that a settlement is illegal. Unlike yourself, I have litigated federal criminal matters in the federal district court of northern Illinois, western and eastern division, the eastern district of Wisconsin and the eastern district of Virginia for decades. I have also argued numerous cases before the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals. I find your "illegality" representations without merit.

Please also note that the Algonquin Township Attorney and the undersigned will look after the township's legal interest. You would be well-served looking after your client's interests which in my humble opinion are not running up your fees for claims that appear to be spurious and unnecessary.

The upshot of your letter is that you are not interested in a reasonable settlement, in spite of representations made to the court in this matter. I would recommend you reconsider your stance. Please convey those thoughts to your client.

Sincerely,

JOHN M. NELSON

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