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To Whom it May Concern

When I sustained serious brain injuries during a road accident, my wife was referred to Darren Bobroff who came highly recommended to her, as was his Father, a senior member of the firm, as the top personal injury lawyers in South Africa.

My wife Jody subsequently consulted with Darren who was very supportive and professional, and as my claim progressed, constantly there for us during the trauma the family was going through.

Darren explained in great detail all the steps and processes which were to be taken in the conduct of my claim and in the litigation process.

At our request the Practice agreed to represent me on contingency in return for the firm receiving 30% of whatever damages were recovered for me. At Jody's request and after the matter had been settled, Ronald as a gesture agreed to reduce the fee to 25%.

In this way I was able to exercise my rights to claim compensation, and which would not have been possible had I had to provide a deposit and ongoing funding in respect of the numerous highly specialized experts who were instructed to produce Medico Legal reports and to be available to give evidence in court.

Similarly with regards to the fees of the senior advocate instructed in the matter.

Darren's Father and the firms senior director Ronald Bobroff, also played an active role in my claim, and but for his involvement I would have recovered a fraction of the damages eventually awarded.

On account of my brain injury (from which I have now substantially recovered) certain cognitive deficits were then present, and which had a devastating effect on my ability to cope with my responsibilities as a partner in one of South Africa's major accounting firms.

Only by me delegating more and more work to junior staff and by working at home until late every evening and on most weekends, was I able to prevent my partners

becoming aware of the very real disability I was facing, and which would eventually lead to me having my partnership terminated in that Practice.

Ronald who I knew had been in Practice for decades specializing in personal injury claims told Jody that it was his opinion, that I by way of a psychological defense mechanism could not consciously bring myself to accept that intellectually I was no longer the same person as had been the case prior to my injury. Jody was aware of this as also that I had changed emotionally and was struggling to cope with the needs of our young children.

This created major problems in my claim, as I had told all the experts by whom I was assessed for the purposes of my claim that I was coping with his work just as competently as had been the case prior to my injury.

This in turn led the experts to produce reports, in particular those assessing my future employability and earnings over the rest of my working life, to the effect that my employability and earning potential were unaffected.

Only due to extensive and lengthy questioning by Ronald in Jody's presence, was I eventually able to realize how I had been hiding the truth not only from others but from myself, and that I was no longer able to cope with the intellectual demands and responsibilities of my work, and that it was simply a matter of time before this would come to the attention of my partners/employers.

The meeting was an emotional catharsis for Jody and I, and led to a complete re-evaluation of my claim by the relevant experts concerned, and this in turn led to me obtaining appropriate compensation, which would not have been the case but for the intensive effort and expertise devoted to my claim.

In addition to obtaining an exceptional result for me, Ronald and Darren continued to fearlessly defend both Jody and I against ongoing threats and bullying by our health insurer - Discovery Health in which it sought to force me to agree to pay it over a million rand out of the proceeds of my personal injury claim.

I am aware that it was on account of this fearless defense, which led Ronald and Darren to inadvertently expose the fact that what Discovery had and was doing to us, was part of its standard Practice, and which was unlawful.

I am also aware that this in turn led to Discovery's Jeffrey Katz threatening, that as revenge for Ronald and Darren inadvertently exposing Katz and his employers unlawful conduct to the attorneys profession, and which resulted in a dramatic reduction in the amount of money Katz and his staff were able to duress out of Discovery members who had sustained injury in road accidents, **"we (Discovery) will destroy you all, no matter what it takes, no matter what it costs"**.

Despite that threat and what I am aware was an ongoing and relentless series of Court applications by Discovery against Ronald and Darren and their Practice, media attacks on Ronald and Darren by a reporter-Beamish who was obviously working for Discovery; they nevertheless stood by us and funded the costs of our defense when Discovery sued me for a million Rand in March 2012.

From my dealings with Ronald and Darren I have noted that, apart from their obvious professional competence, they have proven to be lawyers of the utmost integrity and commitment to our interests, and it is a tragedy and disgrace that Katz/Discovery have succeeded in the fulfillment of the threat I have referred to above.

In conclusion, I cannot thank both Ronald and Darren enough, for the support, assistance and counsel that they gave me, during what was a very traumatic time for me and my family.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bellon', is written over a horizontal line.

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