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Ms. Mary Ellen Bateman
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651 East Jefferson Street
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Dear Ms. Bateman,

This is a follow-up to your letter of December 16, 2008 (copy enclosed), where you provided Mr. Bauer's LRS records. After reviewing the documents you provided, it is not clear if Mr. Bauer was properly registered when the LRS referred him to me. From the documents you provided, there appears to be a registration gap from his initial application of April 22, 2005 with the Clayton-Johnston firm (which he left in late 2006) and the LRS referral to me on February 26, 2007 at his new firm, the Law Office of Robert W. Bauer. Mr. Bauer's next LRS application or update occurred on April 29, 2008, long after the LRS referral to me or his time with Clayton-Johnston.

Mr. Bauer no longer represents me. Enclosed you will find a copy of my response to his motion to withdrawal as my counsel. Note paragraph 4, Mr. Bauer has not paid his LRS fee of approximately \$2,305.49.

Is there a separate complaint process for matters related to the LRS? I would not want to use the usual Bar grievance procedure, it is a waste of time since the Bar rarely finds wrongdoing, and the process exposes one to litigation from the complained-about lawyer.

I really regret using the LRS. Mr. Bauer is one of the worst lawyers I ever met.

Sincerely,


Neil J. Gillespie

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