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Dear Mr.

Your "invoice" to the Honorable for \$300,000 has been referred to this office. The invoice is purportedly based on your claim that Judge violated a "trade name notice."

Although I have not seen a copy of the "trade name notice," I am familiar with the form of your invoice and the general process behind the notice. To put it simply, no one may "copyright" or "trademark" their name for ordinary usage, including its use in any court proceedings. Thus, a claim that you are owed money because a judicial officer or other person has used your name is simply invalid, ineffectual, and legally meaningless. I am aware of others who have engaged in similar conduct and who have followed up the invoice with the filing of a Uniform Commercial Code Financing Statement or lien for the amount of the invoice. There is no legal basis for filing a Uniform Commercial Code security agreement without specific and written consent of a person. In addition, I note that in 2002 you advised this office that you are not subject to the laws of the State of Wisconsin. This claim is also without merit. You and every other citizen and resident of Wisconsin are subject to the laws of this state.

If you pursue any action to submit for filing or recording any security agreement or financing statement or any other document that purports to be a lien based on a claim that someone has used your name in a legal proceeding, and in any event without the specific written consent of the person against whom a lien is filed, your conduct may very well violate state criminal laws. I wish to notify you that the attempt to file any lien, security agreement or financing statement under such circumstances may constitute one or more felony offenses of criminal slander of title under section 943.60 of the Wisconsin statutes. This offense is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or imprisonment not to exceed six years, or both. I would also direct your attention to section 706.13 of the Wisconsin statutes regarding civil penalties for slander of title. In addition, section 706.15 of the Wisconsin statutes prohibits the filing of any lien against any government official or employee relating to their duties except after notice and hearing before a valid court of record. You should also be aware that any simulation

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of legal process is also a felony pursuant to section 946.68 of the Wisconsin statutes. Violations of these statutes will be treated seriously.

You are certainly free to pursue whatever lawful legal action is available to you. You may initiate whatever civil claim for damages you believe may exist. However, that must be done in a recognized state or federal court and pursuant to all applicable rules governing such proceedings. I suggest you seek competent legal counsel for advice before taking any further action. I also strongly suggest that you refrain from any conduct that would violate Wisconsin statutes.

Sincerely,

Roy R. Korte
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