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Attn: Mr. Gary Kilpatrick The Kilpatrick Group 3397 Cherrybrook Drive Jamestown, NC 27282

RE: <u>LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION</u>

Dear Gary:

This letter serves as our letter of recommendation for your services. We were very pleased with your services and the ultimate result in our case, which was a significant plaintiff's settlement.

INITIAL CONTACT:

As noted, my office contacted Gary and hired him as an Accident Re-construction Expert in an 18-wheeler accident. My client was struck by the 18wheeler and sustained injuries. The defendants had a theory, in the case, that my client was partially or totally at fault in causing the accident. At the time we contacted Gary; the case was pending in a Louisiana Federal District Court.

From the initial contact, I discussed with Gary that we were operating under very strict rules/guidelines on time delays for production of expert reports, etc. Also, we discussed the various strict rules of Federal Court. I found Gary to be very knowledgeable in all areas related to his role as an Expert/Expert Witness. Also, he was familiar with the required forms and content needed for expert report compliance with court rules. I was very impressed with his credentials and I felt that he would match up well with the defense expert on qualifications.

In addition, Gary had a pleasant demeanor and appeared very knowledgeable on expert issues related to the factual scenarios presented in my client's case. With those items checking out, although I had not worked with him before; I felt very comfortable hiring Gary Kilpatrick for this important case.

CASE WORK:

A tremendous amount of work was done on the case by Gary and we appreciate his efforts. From the road work, CDL training, to the videos, pictures, animations, drawings, measurements, deposition reading, etc. to the expert report and conclusions contained therein, everything was done timely and professional. Also, I appreciate his time in discussing aspects of the case with me and giving me his impressions. I found Gary to be very personable and available to discuss the case, which was critical for me, as a lawyer, to help formulate my client's theory on Liability.

In my case, <u>Gary was able to de-bunk the defense expert's theory on Liability</u> and provide scientific, mathematical and real time support for my client's version of the events. Also, in deposition; he handled himself very well, was well prepared and gave clear and concise answers under heavy questioning by the opposing counsel.

FEES/EXPENSES:

In my matter, I found Gary's fees/expenses to be reasonable and in line with the services he provided. As noted, in today's litigation world, costs have to be managed and justified. <u>I found Gary's services to be worth it</u> and I feel that he brought value to my client's case. I would hire him again. Thank you. With kindest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

Byron O Neal

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