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Dear Dr. Scott,

I have received your letter of August 11, 2004. Initially, I hesitated in responding to your communication but I decided to reply because you are an honorable gentleman with a good reputation.

I want to clear up some misperceptions or mistakes in your letter.

(A) The position of pre-trial director was transferred to the Magistrate Court in the fall of 1985. To the best of my belief and knowledge, Wanda agreed to this change. Prior to my taking the bench in the Superior Court of Cobb County in 1994, Wanda and I (I was the Chief Magistrate of Cobb County at that time) worked wonderfully together. If the transfer was prejudicial, you would have thought that someone would have objected to it during the 18 years which preceded Wanda's termination.

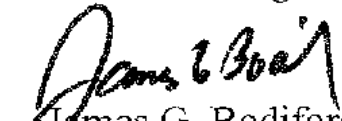
(B) You refer to Chief Magistrate Frank Cox as our "Chief Judge" He is not. He is the elected judicial officer of the Magistrate Court and is the Chief Judge of that court. As you know, I am a judge of the Superior Court which is the highest tier of the trial level courts in Georgia. The Superior Court Judges are not the boss of Judge Cox. Judge Cox does not ask me for personnel advice for the people who work for him and even if he did, I would be unqualified to give the same.

(C) Lastly, the Superior Court Judges are not responsible for hiring or firing the Pretrial Director-the Chief Magistrate does. Since 1985, the Pretrial Director has been under the direct control and supervision of the Chief Magistrate.

Dr. Scott, you ask me to make this all better again. If I could, I would. However, the facts are that a person with the requisite legal authority (Judge Cox) fired Wanda and that personnel decision was his to make. This decision is permanent unless Judge Cox says otherwise. As much as you would like it to be different, I have been given absolutely no indication that Judge Cox is going to completely reverse this very serious personnel action regarding Wanda.

I realize this is not the answer you wanted, but this communication is a straightforward reply to your concerns because of my respect for you. I am

With Best Regards,



James G. Bodiford

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