



25 October 2016

Hi, BOB,

Your final check on our MALCOM PRINZING/LOWELL PETERSON case received today. Thank you! A minor thing for you, perhaps, but most important for me and my wife.

A former Minnesota attorney who first took my case was overwhelmed by his workload on this automobile fraud and others. He left the profession for a less stressful occupation. The defendants, an experienced team of defective auto builders, worked out of an Indian reservation using salvaged parts purchased from out-of-state junk yards.

Defendants are well-known by local law enforcement. The Sheriff referred us to his deputy son who actually worked for defendants and is prepared to testify regarding their long-term felonious operation. The defendants lied before a judge (without penalty or default) stating all records were destroyed by a fire on the reservation. The tribe's chief then furnished an affidavit stating there was an arson in another building, but company records remain intact and available.

Defendants escaped prosecution on this (and previous cases) through delaying tactics and a prosecuting attorney who fakes a prosecution but quietly dismisses cases for spurious reasons. He reduced a strong felony fraud case with overwhelming evidence to a minor equipment infraction. He then quietly dismissed even this— —all without timely notification to me or to my attorney. As a 14-year detective with the Los Angeles Police Department, I was aghast but without recourse until you implemented a civil case involving contracts.

You persisted where other attorneys before you fell by the wayside through hidden assets, bankruptcies, stalling tactics, and the actual disappearance of defendants.

Without you, BOB, I would have lost my retirement investment. Your skill, bull-dog like tenacity, and experience in tracking such con-men, ended with a large check. I suspect you are inadequately compensated for your time and efforts in this long pursuit. I remain eternally grateful for your loyalty, keen sense of justice, good attitude, and strong desire to right-the-wrong. I have seen a number of questionable attorneys (and policemen) in my 35 years in law enforcement, but you are the one who stands, proudly, in upholding the highest of standards of your profession.

It is my great privilege and honor to know you, BOB. My terminal Stage-IV cancer leaves me with little remaining time, but I will depart with a smile on my face in remembrance of you....

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Max (Hurlbut)". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

MAX K. HURLBUT