

UL v. Piscataway

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- Letter requesting guidance in of a potential attorney-client conflict.

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Honorable Eugene D. Serpentelli  
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Re: Urban League of Greater New  
 Brunswick, et al. vs. Township  
 of Piscataway, et al.

My dear Judge Serpentelli:

This will confirm several conversations had this morning with your law clerk regarding potential Trial conflicts.

As you know, the remainder of the Piscataway-Mount Laurel litigation has been scheduled to commence on January 28, 1985 before Your Honor, pursuant to a telephone conversation between you, Mr. Gelber and I yesterday morning.

I am scheduled to continue the Trial of a child custody matter before Honorable Florence R. Peskoe in Monmouth County on January 31, 1985, and February 1, 1985, as well as the mornings of February 6 and 7, 1985. I spoke with Judge Peskoe's Chambers this morning to apprise her of the conflict, to learn that Judge Peskoe had requested that I obtain your

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concurrence in an adjournment of the Piscataway matter. The name of the matter pending before Judge Peskoe is DePetro vs. DePetro, Docket No. M-11098-83.

In addition, I am scheduled to participate in a plenary hearing on Tuesday, January 29, 1985, at 9:00 A.M., in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County, in a matter entitled Hocheiser vs. Hocheiser, which has been adjourned regularly since May, 1984. I do not anticipate that that matter will consume more than one-half day, and I believe that the Piscataway hearing can work around that, without much difficulty. It was my intention to speak to the Assignment Clerk of Bergen County to ensure that we would be reached quickly that morning to conclude a matter which should take no more than two hours of Court time.

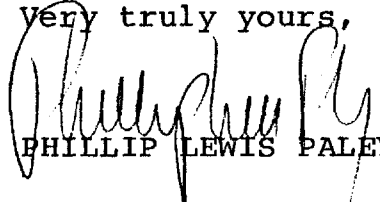
The conflict with the DePetro matter is much more salient, because there is no question in my mind that a substantial number of Trial days will be consumed in that proceeding. I, therefore, respectfully request the Court's guidance and assistance in attempting to resolve the DePetro matter immediately.

I am writing this letter at the suggestion of your

law clerk, and will defer forwarding copies of the letter to either other counsel or other Judges until I hear from you further.

Your usual courtesy and a prompt response hereto will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,



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