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August 29, 1989

The Honorable Lawrence W. Kaplan
626 City County Building
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Re: William E. Blake v. Martha M. Blake
No. FD87-05377

Dear Judge Kaplan:

Robert Garvin, the attorney for Martha Blake and I, as attorney for William Blake appeared in your Chambers on Tuesday, August 29, 1989 at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Garvin had given me notice that he was going to present a petition to you asking that a final decree be entered. Both of our clients were present with us.

Mr. Blake was present for the purpose of personally contesting the petition that was being presented. He had with him a listing regarding the prior bill that Mrs. Blake's attorney had submitted to the Master which showed the following items:

- 3/24/88 - Petition for Contempt, Letter to Judge O'Brien, Phone conference with Judge O'Brien. 1.0 hr. 48 min.
- 5/12/88 - Phone conference with Jeannie - Law Clerk for Judge O'Brien regarding attorney fees. .2 hrs.
- 4/14/88 - Letter to Judge O'Brien. Phone conference with Martin Vinci, Master. .5 hrs.
- 8/15/88 - Letter to Attorney Vinci. Prepare Notice of Deposition - Bill Blake. (Mr. Blake never received a copy of this letter). .3 hrs

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10/13/88 - Deposition of Jack Norrish.
Conference with Attorney Vinci. 4.5 hrs.
10/25/88 - Conference with Martin Vinci. 3.0 hrs.

A number of phone conferences
with various persons including
two phone conferences with
Attorney Vinci. Total time for
work this date. 4.0 hrs.

11/14/88 - Conference with Judge Kaplan on
continuance motion. (Among other
services). 2.2 hrs.

The reason Mr. Blake is concerned with these contacts that
were made by his wife's attorney and with either the Master or
yourself is that he was not billed by his attorney for these
services. Apparently, his attorney never participated in any of
these conferences or telephone calls. Mr. Blake regards this as
improper contact between his wife's attorney and either or both
the Master or the Trial Judge. Mr. Blake appeared at your
Chambers on Tuesday, August 29 for the purpose of putting this on
the record in the presence of a Court Reporter.

Your secretary indicated that Mr. Garvin and I would be
notified when the petition he intends to present is rescheduled
by you. I would like it at a time when Mr. Blake is able to be
here and be able to present the facts set forth in this letter.

Very truly yours,

Original Signed by
Peter J. King
Peter J. King

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cc: Robert J. Garvin, Esquire
William E. Blake