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Dear Justice Cook,

I have received your correspondence of December 22, 1989 and a copy of "The Lawyer's Creed - A Mandate for Professionalism" and I very much appreciate your sending this to me.

Quite frankly, I am more than surprised at the quality of the content and the significance of this effort to restore some degree of sanity to our profession. I was originally licensed to practice law in Texas in 1965, and my first ten years was spent in an active trial practice with an insurance defense firm in Dallas, Texas. I am quite sure that during that decade I participated in a thousand or more depositions, and I do not recall any being taken by Notice. It was a matter of course and procedure to do things by agreement that were convenient to all parties concerned and this included Motions and Hearings on special exceptions and other technical matters that most competent attorneys can agree on outside of the courtroom 90% of the time. I am particularly delighted with that comment in your last paragraph of your letter to me when you suggest that we might again "have fun practicing law", and this convinced me that you and others in a position to make changes really do understand. The system can be effective and can be fun, and I assure you that I will do my best to make my small part in this effort effective. Thank you for your effort and please keep up the good work.

Sincerely yours,



Woodfin C. Henderson

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