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ATTN: A. J. Lagoe
Minneapolis, MN

RE: Our Clients: Alpine Fence Company, LLC/Chad Thompson
Court File: 27-CV-16-18011

Dear M. Lagoe:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide some background information now that the above-referenced civil case has been concluded.

At the outset, it is important to recognize that Alpine Fence Company, founded by Mr. Chad Thompson, was in operation for some twenty years. During that time, it provided fence construction services for literally thousands of customers and it prided itself on scrupulous devotion to customer service. Those efforts were extremely successful as virtually every one of its pleased customers would attest.

Approximately three years ago, Mr. Thompson began to experience significant health problems. Like most successful individuals, he tried to ignore those difficulties, attending to the pressures incident to operating, virtually single-handedly, a very successful business. However, as his health problems became increasingly difficult to deal with, so did the stresses of operating this business. Eventually, it became literally impossible for Mr. Thompson to stay on top of day to day business demands.

Mr. Thompson attempted to deal with these matters entirely on his own, even after the Minnesota Attorney General's office became involved. After some months, he was referred to our office. His primary instruction to us was to cooperate in all respects with the regulatory and investigative processes and to move the matter toward resolution so that all of his customers would be made whole. Toward that end, and as memorialized in the settlement documentation on file with the court, he has agreed to the following:

- cease all fence construction activities (and, in fact, he has been out of the fence business for over a year now)
- repay all customers from whom he received deposits (after credits he received for voluntary payments he has made on his own)
- provide full documentation of his past business activities and financial situation (once again, this has largely been accomplished)

For my part, I can state that Mr.Thompson has always accepted full responsibility for the problems that brought this matter to the attention of Attorney General Swanson's office in the first instance and he has expressed profound remorse for the difficulties that his customers have experienced because of these failures. However, I have found that there is almost always a "rest of the story" and I appreciate the opportunity to provide the above facts.

On behalf of my clients, I thank you for your courtesies.

Very truly yours,

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by__*/s/ James T. Hanvik*_____
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