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Lydia Gonzalez  
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Re: Mathew H. Ryan, Ph.D.

Dear Ms. Gonzalez:

As discussed in our recent telephone conversation, we were very pleased with the work Dr. Ryan performed for us in the defense of the Laura Fredkin case. Dr. Ryan's analysis of the pertinent records, clinical interview and testing of the claimant was thorough and professional.

Dr. Ryan prepared an excellent report which, in the mediation process, was instrumental in reaching a fair and reasonable settlement of the claim. I would definitely consider using Dr. Ryan, again should the case arise.

Very truly yours,

KNAPP, PETERSEN & CLARKE

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Robert D. Brugge

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