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RE: L. Dante DiTrapano
Supreme Court No. 12-0677
I.D.N. 12-03-323

Dear Mr. Perry:

On behalf of L. Dante DiTrapano, I respectfully request that you forward to the Chief Justice and the Justices of the Supreme Court of Appeals this letter which conveys my sincerest request that the Court approve the Hearing Panel Subcommittee's (HPS) recommendation of October 17, 2013 and reinstate Mr. DiTrapano's license to practice law. The HPS recommendation is thorough and correct so there is little point in my providing any further comment. However, I would refer you to my letter to the Court of May 23, 2012, a copy of which is attached, and which remains relevant as my expressed opinion concerning this reinstatement issue pending before the Court.

Professionally and personally, I am satisfied with the course of this disciplinary proceeding and with the course of demonstrated rehabilitation of Mr. DiTrapano. I am confident this is the right outcome. In the 18 months since my earlier letter, I have met with and spoken with Mr. DiTrapano on a number of occasions. I am fully satisfied his rehabilitation is successful and I am hopeful that he will be returned to active bar membership, although I equally concur with the safeguards and protections of the HPS recommendation because of the important public interest issues concerning this reinstatement.

Thank you for considering my opinions.

Sincerely,

Guy R. Bucci

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Enclosure

May 23, 2012



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RE: Louis Dante' diTrapano, Petition for Reinstatement

Dear Justices:

It is a privilege to address the Court concerning the Petition for Reinstatement of the law license of L. Dante' diTrapano. His troubles were highly profiled and detailed elsewhere in materials submitted to the Court, so I will not revisit them.

What I do want to say though is that, if I may refer to him in the first person, is that Dante' earned, if perhaps at least even if some of it was not deserved, the opprobrium and punishment that followed his conduct, and now he has earned the opportunity for a second chance and a new path in life. Personally, I have known Dante' for over forty years. In fact, at times I drove him and his siblings, with my children, to school. I have known his parents, Martha and Rudy and other members of the family, including Dante's grandparents. Dante's family and my family knew each other well. So my comments are as much personal as they are professional, having also known Dante' throughout all of his professional career and indeed, for most of his life.

At a point, there comes a time for an event or circumstance to end, in this case a bad one. That is Dante's addiction and the punishment meted thereupon, and its profound effect on him, his career and his family. As is said, in the fullness of time, we now know a different and a deserving Dante' and it is time that the Court respectfully consider renewing Dante's privilege to practice law. All of the reference letters to grant his pending Petition, point in the right direction. To that end, I have, and continue to have, personal knowledge of the fundamental change in Dante's life. His family life, the raising of his children, his return to work, his completion of probation-all show that as much as he caused the bad, he has now earned the good of the opportunities of fully restoring his license and his good family name. I fully support him. In fact, I would be willing to serve as a court monitor, if any supervised reinstatement were required. Although I fully believe there is no basis for concern,

I equally recognize that the public must have confidence the legal process is open. To that end, it is understandable that an unconditional reinstatement may not be possible. I have no doubt that in the end, Dante' will have deserved the favorable consideration of this Honorable Court and return as a vital and contributing member of this State's bar.

Thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guy R. Bucci", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Guy R. Bucci

GRB/csg