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Case: *Paul Dulberg v. David Gagnon, Caroline McGuire and Bill McGuire*  
(McHenry County Case No. 12 LA 178)

Dear Counsel:

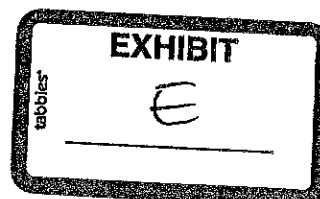
With my departure from the case I feel compelled to address the subject of the chain saw that was involved in Mr. Dulberg's injury. Early on in the case a protective order was entered which prohibited Mr. and Mrs. McGuire from destroying or otherwise disposing of the chain saw and any associated documentation. The primary purpose behind the order of protection was to preserve the chainsaw and associated documentation until such time that Plaintiff's counsel could inspect and photograph same.

On March 20, 2013, the chain saw and owner's manual were made available for inspection and photographing. Plaintiff's counsel inspected and photographed the chainsaw. Plaintiff's counsel also secured a photocopy of the owner's manual.

On April 3, 2013, the protective order was modified to allow the Plaintiffs to use the subject chainsaw, owner's manual and associated paperwork in the ordinary course. The order further provides, however, that the owners may not destroy, dispose of, or sell the items without further order of the court.

Given the above, I am concerned about the possibility of a spoliation claim in the event the McGuires destroy, dispose of, or otherwise sell the chainsaw following my departure from the case. Please advise in writing whether you believe there is any reason to maintain the protective order as it currently exists. If not, I believe it makes sense to have the April 3, 2013 version of the protective order vacated.

I look forward to hearing from both of you at your earliest convenience.



Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RAB' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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CC Tom Malatia (13-2779-11)