

**February 1, 2006**

**MR. & MRS. KEVIN R. VENESKI  
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**Re: *Veneski v. Queens-Long Island Medical Group, P.C.*  
Supreme Court, New York County  
Index No. 100011-1998**

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**Dear Kevin & Juanita:**

Enclosed herewith is a copy of my application to Justice Sherry Klein Heitler under § 474-a (4) of the Judiciary Law to increase my compensation in your case to one-third (33 ⅓ %) of the net recovery.

This is the same motion that would have been submitted to Justice Lippmann in March 2000 had defendants not moved to set aside or reduce the verdict. Obviously, upholding the verdict took priority over everything else. When defendants appealed the denial of their post-trial motion to the Appellate Division, First Department, the motion was put on hold until the outcome of the appeal.

When the Appellate Division reversed and remanded for a new trial, the motion for increased compensation was further delayed until the matter was finally concluded.

*Veneski v. Queens-Long Long Island Medical Group, P.C.* was concluded on December 21, 2005 with receipt of your first MetLife check properly made out.

The enclosed motion took a month to prepare and required over 100 hours of preparation. It will lay to rest once and for all DeClemente's bogus claim that I never intended to apply to the Court for increased compensation and that you never intended to support it.

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I will deduct from whatever the Court awards me whatever monies I received from you, whether denominated fee or gift. We will do this together.

I made no mention of my representation of you and Juanita in New Jersey or Pennsylvania over the past two years. I represented you there out of friendship and loyalty - and because I didn't want to see your malpractice recovery wasted on legal fees. I neither expect nor request compensation for that.

I'm here if you need me.

**Sincerely,**

**/s/ NORMAN L. COUSINS**

**NORMAN LEONARD COUSINS**