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VIA TELECOPY

Steve Wright, Esq.
Skelton, Taintor and Abbott
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Re: Dr. Pratt/Abex Corporation

Dear Steve:

As mentioned by telephone a couple of weeks ago, we represent Abex Corporation in various asbestos-related claims, with particular focus on the conspiracy issues being addressed by Dr. Castleman. We would like to arrange an interview with Dr. Pratt concerning his recollection of any interaction that American Brake Shoe Company, Abex's predecessor, had with the Saranac laboratory. I should think that we would be able to conclude our interview in less than two hours. Could you assist us in arranging a convenient time?

In addition, we are very much interested in reviewing the opening and closing arguments to the jury in the case that was successfully defended on behalf of H.K. Porter involving conspiracy allegations. Would you please send me those portions of the transcripts? Also, to the extent that either Dr. Castleman testified or Dr. Pratt testified in that case, could you also send me excerpts from the transcript containing their testimony?

Please charge my firm for any time and expenses.

Best regards.

Sincerely,


Joseph W. Dorn

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