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Re: Expert Witness Services

Dear Sir:

I am writing to introduce myself and to offer my services as an expert witness in Emergency Medicine. I have been practicing medicine since 1981, working exclusively an emergency physician since 1983. Prior to 2006 I authored approximately 15 expert reports, equally split between defense and plaintiff.

For the past 9 years I was employed by the Canadian Medical Protective Association in an educational role, working as a Physician Risk Manager. In addition to delivering 40-50 educational sessions each year, I provided in house reviews of legal cases where emergency physicians were involved to comment on defensibility. In writing an expert report I perform a focused literature review using either PubMed or Medline. To date, I have not been on the losing side of a case where I have provided an opinion. I have a sound reputation, both clinically and academically. Enclosed is a redacted copy of an opinion that I wrote prior to my CMPA employment. The case was settled.

Details of my training, work experience, academic achievements, and previous medico legal work are included in my attached CV. I believe my background makes me uniquely qualified to provide timely, credible, and comprehensive medico legal reports and advice with respect to medical negligence. Services that I am willing to offer include:

- **Initial case review:** As an emergency physician I have a broad working knowledge of many surgical and medical specialities as well as a reasonable understanding of the standard of care expected from other medical professionals such as nurses, respiratory technicians, and pre hospital care personnel. I would happily perform initial case file reviews regardless of speciality and provide a prompt verbal opinion as to whether I felt the care was appropriate and met the requisite standard.
- **Identification of potentially negligent health care providers:** In many cases, particularly with teaching hospitals, it can be difficult to identify all the health care professionals involved in a patient's care and even more challenging to determine a most responsible physician. Given my long experience working in teaching hospitals, I have an excellent understanding of responsibilities for both resident and attending physicians.
- **Objective and nonpartisan expert opinions on emergency care:** As an academic emergency physician I am current in the standard of care for both teaching and community hospitals. I have recertified twice with the American Board of Emergency Medicine in order to maintain current certification. I am also current in CME credits for my College of Family Physicians credentials in emergency medicine. As needed, I can also provide **rebuttal of expert reports post discovery.**
- **Providing effective testimony:** I have appeared once in court as an expert witness (*Cheema v Ng* 2005 BCSC 924), and my experience and knowledge has made me aware of the necessity of being a non-adversarial servant to the court. I have strong communication and presentation skills and lifelong experience in public speaking, including contentious panel discussions.
- **Procuring experts:** Throughout my clinical career I have developed an extensive network of emergency physicians and other specialists from across the country, and may be able to refer you to an appropriate expert in a convenient location. Additionally my network includes many of the experts who commonly provide reports for the defendant physician(s). As such, I can provide **advice on cross examination**, offering insight into personalities and academic and clinical reputations.

- **Cost effective, timely, and accessible service:** I will provide opinions at the current market rate, with a negotiable rate for initial file review. I will travel to provide testimony if needed, and am willing to accept economy air fares and modest accommodation. I have significant experience in defending my opinions in adversarial environments. Being currently semi-retired my schedule is more flexible than it once was and I have the ability to respond to requests promptly.

While currently living in Ottawa, my family has purchased a home in Vancouver and intend to move there in the coming months. Regardless, I am willing, as noted above, to travel to other locations across the country to offer my services as needed. Thank you for this opportunity to introduce myself, and for considering my services. For further information I can be reached any time by phone or email.

Sincerely,

Ross Berringer