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To Whom It May Concern:

Jeffrey Deskovic was a guest speaker at the annual in-house legal seminars of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Divisions, held in Brooklyn, New York, on April 9, 2014. Approximately 35 appellate judges were present from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Departments and heard Mr. Deskovic render a cogent presentation on the issue of "actual innocence," which is a growing and important topic in statewide and national jurisprudence.

Mr. Deskovic's remarks were well-organized, educational, current, interesting, and at times, gripping. He identified particular signs for judges to look for in adjudicating actual innocence claims. One of my judge colleagues later observed that he will never again view actual innocence claims in the same way. Another colleague remarked that the seminar reminded him that behind the mountains of appellate paperwork, there are lives of real people affected by our decisions. Yet another colleague said that for several days she felt chilled by Mr. Deskovic's experiences with the criminal justice system. Jeffrey Deskovic's presentation was friendly and respectful, and motivated by his sincere desire that courts render correct decisions on criminal trial and appellate-level cases. He is a unique and valuable resource. The educational value of his insight is extraordinary. I highly recommend Jeffrey Deskovic as a speaker to all levels of state and federal courts, police, prosecutors, and other organizations involved with matters of criminal law.

Please contact me if you have any questions or are interested in more information from me.

Very truly yours,

Mark C. Dillon