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Mrs. Philip Geraci, Jr.  
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Dear Mrs. Geraci:

I was very disturbed last week to learn that you had allegedly advised several persons (one of whom was Mr. Melvin H. Wright,) that you personally did not want to prosecute any civil claim relative to your husband's death, but that you were doing so because I had "solicited" you in this matter. Further, I was advised by Mr. Wright that allegedly according to you I had persisted in calling you until you decided to go ahead with this case - otherwise, you would not have bothered with this case at all; except for my persistence and insistence you would not have done anything in the case.

This, of course, is completely untrue as you well know, and it is personally offensive to me since I have gone out of my way to assist you in anything that I could without one cent of compensation.

I have spent a great deal of time discussing your personal problems with you ever since the untimely death of your husband, including the representation of your son in a most time consuming case, all without even discussing a fee. As an attorney, my most precious commodity is my time.

Although the patent facts of your husband's death appeared clear cut, I wanted to make certain that every possibility was explored and I associated another attorney, Charles R. Maloney, to check out every aspect. I did this also, without any discussion of a fee, nor any contract between us being signed or even mentioned.

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My husband and I both respected and admired your late husband; we felt deeply your sense of loss and wanted to help you in any way that we could.

Mr. John Malpie, our very close family friend, first introduced your husband to us and as you know we employed Mr. Geraci to do all of the electrical work in the remodeling of our own home.

Just last week I prepared a will for your signature and I had offered to prepare one for your cousin. I spent a good deal of time on the will as well as on several discussions with you about your special bequests; all without a fee.

I was embarrassed at the inferences allegedly made by you with regard to your husband's death case and I no longer wish to represent you in this case, nor in any other matter, now, or in the future.

In the event that the attorneys that I have associated in this case wish to continue their representation of you, that is their prerogative.

I am sending all persons involved a copy of this letter.

Yours very truly,

  
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