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Dear Karl:

As this year comes to a close I wanted to extend my sincere thanks and gratitude for your help during this past year. I know you share my passion to help immigrants navigate the complex immigration currents. Indeed I look forward to the day when relief for immigrants is more readily available and the immigration law isn't so complex.

As I look back on this year I see how your expertise in post-conviction relief made the difference for several of my clients. Also, your practical experience in post-conviction relief provided my clients with the edge to vacate the judgment, withdraw the plea posing immigration consequences, which then allowed us to enter an innocuous alternative plea. Your insight in at least three cases we discussed and worked on proved very useful in evaluating the possibility of post-conviction relief in federal court, which protected one of my clients from further expense. Karl your sharp focus on post conviction and complex litigation issues put you in the company of a select few who understand the immigration consequences of crimes and who are able to use this knowledge to the advantage of the immigrant clients.

Again, many thanks for your invaluable assistance and perspective. I unreservedly recommend your services and please feel free to use me as a reference if the need arose. Here's to a great year of immigration reform in 2005, possibly 2006!

Warmest regards to you and yours,

Sincerely Yours,



Nicomedes E. Suriel, Esq.