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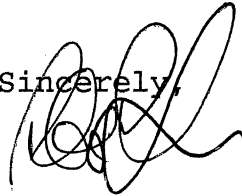
Presiding Judge
Contra Costa Superior Court
Richmond Courthouse
100-37th St.
Richmond CA 94805

Your Honor:

I am plaintiff's counsel in Rodriguez v. Malmin & Garcia No. 61361, settled on August 13, 2002 at a Smarter Mediation Session at which David M. Miller, served as mediator.

I am writing to commend Mr. Miller for his extraordinary efforts to bring the parties to agreement in this case. Although the amount in dispute was relatively small and the parties far apart in their evaluations, he did not accept looming defeat in his efforts to craft a compromise, but maintained an effective, forthright, deliberate approach which successfully brought this case to a compromise ending.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Garcia