

Re: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]
From: "Andrew G. Watters" <andrew@andrewwatters.com>
Date: 12/3/2019, 4:50 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for the opportunity to work with you briefly on your matter.

I told you on Friday 11/29/2019 that the forensic accountant could be \$20,000 or more, and the additional \$5,000 I requested for me was for my own work in continuing to investigate and evaluate your claims. I told you I am not a tax attorney and that you might need a tax attorney to resolve your tax issues-- I would not likely be able to handle those, although I was willing to look at the returns, of course. I made no guarantees that after completing my investigation of your case, you would have any viable claims. You said that was all fine, and that the \$5,000 was worth it to you to have peace of mind so you could sleep at night. Now you are saying there was a miscommunication...but there was no miscommunication-- especially about the \$20,000 or the \$5,000 figures, and what they were for.

You have given me two boxes of documents plus a small suitcase full of papers, which are all jumbled together into piles and envelopes-- all of which I reviewed. It is still unclear what claims you have against your ex-husband, which is why I requested the list of claims you believe you have, and the amounts. The email I sent on the 13th was before I reviewed your documents on the 14th, and the documents are a complete mess. I decided not to waste your money writing a report that I would need to extensively revise after learning more about your case, so I have been holding off preparing it while I develop more information from you and from the court file (I was going to look at the court file on the 9th due to my busy schedule this week).

Despite my multiple requests for information on claims you may have against your ex-husband, and my advice to you to drop your pursuit of his and your attorneys, you continue to pursue claims against the attorneys-- all of which happened years ago and none of which appear to be within the statute of limitations. You have complained multiple times to the State Bar about attorneys you have worked with as well as your ex-husband's attorneys, all of which complaints have been closed (some of them several years ago) without any action by the State Bar-- principally due to your failure to provide evidence to substantiate your claims of fraud, forgery, embezzlement, and so on.

I do not take cases where I have to copiously document what I tell clients in the event they decide to sue me or complain to the State Bar. It's a waste of the client's money and also not my style to insulate myself with CYA-type correspondence when I know what I said, and what the client said. I also don't take cases where the client turns out to be a bad witness, turns out to have a bad memory, is not convincing, or has other problems that render it difficult to advocate for them, as is now the case here. Unfortunately, many of these issues only appear after a period of time getting to know the client. With you, I was still willing to proceed until you sent the email below, clearly written by someone else and clearly not what we discussed last Friday 11/29/2019. There are enough challenges in law practice without having to deal with misrepresentations regarding what was or was not said in important meetings.

I practice radical honesty, and I'm telling you this is not how I practice law-- nor do I need the business, since I have many existing clients who are appreciative of my hard work

on their cases. So, I am sorry to inform you that I am unable to continue working with you on your potential claims. I did everything you asked of me, and this concludes the brief representation.

I will return your file materials tomorrow 12/4/2019 via UPS or FedEx (I'm not sure they can send the suitcase, but I will try). I will also give you a partial refund of your credit balance of \$350.00 (see attached time printout showing all the time I have entered on your matter, not including this lengthy email). You will get an official final bill showing your credit balance in a few moments directly from my server (apache@office.andrewwatters.com). The refund check will be in tomorrow's mail. Good luck with your case.

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On 12/3/2019 3:37 PM, [redacted] wrote:

Hi Andrew,
I haven't received the report you are referring to in your email dated November 13th. Will you please resend the report?

I'm trying to figure out how best to move forward. There was a big miscommunication on Friday, as I believed the additional \$5,000.00 you were requesting of me was going to cover the forensic accountant and correcting the 2014 taxes.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,
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