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Re: Malibu-Encinal Homeowners Association v. Lechuza Villas West, L.P., et al.

Dear Steve, Elena and Laurie:

I am enclosing copies of the amicus brief we filed on behalf of MRCA, as well as the "replacement" Respondents' Brief filed by Lechuza, et al. The "replacement" brief is a substantially better brief than the earlier one filed by attorney Jay Smith. A separate Respondents' Brief will also be filed shortly by the Reznik respondents. Interestingly, we did not trade drafts of the briefs with Lechuza, but both briefs rely heavily on the same *res judicata* case, Weikel v. TCW Realty Fund II Holding Company.

We had estimated the cost of the amicus brief at between $10,000 and $15,000. I thought it worth noting that the brief actually came in at about $12,350.

We truly appreciate the opportunity to work on this matter. Given the nature of the acquisition, we are cheering you on!

Very truly yours,

Steven H. Kaufmann

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