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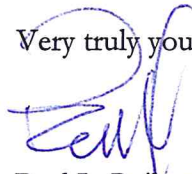
Dear Teri:

The Supreme Court met to consider the Wellness Commission State Action Plan January 24. The Court is grateful to you, the Chairs of the Committees and Committee members for their work. The Court accepts the Plan with the following caveats:

1. We agree with the recommendation of a stand-alone LAP independent of the Court. We did not reach specifics as to budget or recipient, but a vision of the Vermont Bar Foundation model with an annual grant was favorably discussed.
2. We agree with the idea of funding LAP with a supplement to the lawyer license fee. We do not agree the attorney fee supplement should cover judges, staff and juries but will try to identify potential funding sources for their inclusion.
3. We would appreciate an acknowledgement from the VBA Board of Managers in the form of a Resolution, supporting a supplement to the license fee to pay for an independent LAP. A clear acknowledgement of support of this direction from the VBA Board will be helpful to taking the next step—a discussion with the bar.

We should talk about steps to bring the bar on board and will appreciate your thoughts about that.

Very truly yours,



Paul L. Reiber
Chief Justice

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Hon. Beth Robinson, Associate Justice
Hon. Harold E. Eaton, Jr., Associate Justice
Hon. Karen R. Carroll, Associate Justice
Hon. Brian Grearson, Chief Superior Judge
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