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DECLARATION OF SALLY JO BUSTAMANTE

The Undersigned, Sally Jo Bustamante hereby, DECLARES that the following is true and correct and of my own knowledge except where stated upon information or belief, and in such cases, I have been so informed and do believe. Further, if called upon to testify about the same I could do so competently and credibly.

1. My name is Sally Jo Bustamante and I was issued a Registered Nurse License number 443150 in August 1989.
2. I am 50 years old and my address is 9522 Orange Street, Alta Loma, CA 91737.
3. I have known Charles Benninghoff since September 2003.
4. The Board of Registered Nurses received a complaint against me by the son of a Hospice patient that I had been in charge of for 18 months. The charges stated that I had altered the dosage of medication on the patient's computerized pump.
5. Mr. Benninghoff and his staff worked very hard to gather the facts and obtain documentation in support of my position.
6. Mr. Benninghoff negotiated a Stipulated Settlement in which I was given a letter of public reprimand.
7. I am very satisfied with Mr. Benninghoff's work, he does a through job.
8. Mr. Benninghoff was genuinely interested in my case and he wanted to help.
9. Before I hired Mr. Benninghoff, I met with an attorney who was being provided by my union. She did not seem interested in me and I did not feel that she would put much of an effort into my case.
10. I remember when I first contacted Mr. Benninghoff that he told me he was not a lawyer.

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- 1 11. Mr. Benninghoff told me that he had previously been a lawyer but had resigned.
- 2 12. Mr. Benninghoff explained that the charges against him and I understood that they
- 3 had nothing to do with his clients or the practice of law.
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- 5 13. I want to assure everyone who reads this that I hired Mr. Benninghoff knowing him
- 6 to be a lay representative and at no time did he indicate that he was or did I believe him to
- 7 be a lawyer.
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- 9 14. I have always felt that Mr. Benninghoff did a good job and he never misled me.
- 10 15. I hired Mr. Benninghoff as an alternative to paying the high cost of a lawyer's
- 11 representation which I could not then afford.
- 12 16. Mr. Benninghoff's charges for the services rendered were fair and reasonable.
- 13 17. I have recommend Mr. Benninghoff and will do so in the future because he does a
- 14 very good job.

15 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the

16 above-stated is true and this declaration is signed under penalty of perjury.

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Sally Jo Bustamante

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