

- 1 10. Mr. Benninghoff knows his stuff.
- 2 11. I want to assure everyone that reads this that I hired Mr. Benninghoff knowing him to
- 3 be a lay representative and at no time did he indicate that he was or did I believe him to be
- 4 a lawyer.
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- 6 12. I hired Mr. Benninghoff as an alternative to paying the high cost of a lawyer's
- 7 representation which I could not then afford.
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- 9 13. Mr. Benninghoff's charges for the services rendered were fair and reasonable.
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- 11 14. Mr. Benninghoff told me about the circumstances surrounding his resignation from
- 12 the BAR and why he is no longer a lawyer. I understand that he plead guilty to charges
- 13 having nothing to do with his practice. It was a personal financial matter.
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- 15 15. I was surprised to hear of Mr. Benninghoff's story but, his honesty in relating this
- 16 inspired me to accept responsibility for my actions and I have learn a lot from the
- 17 experience.
- 18 16. Mr. Benninghoff did a good job on my case.
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- 20 17. Based upon my experience in knowing Mr. Benninghoff I have determined that he is
- 21 honest and truthful.

22 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
23 above-stated is true and this declaration is signed under penalty of perjury.

24 Date: *5/27/2005*

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