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## Dear Forrest:

It is my understanding that as of January 1, 2014, you will be giving up litigation and pursuing your peacemaking career on a full time basis.

As it has been several years since I had the pleasure of meeting you at IACP in Minneapolis, I can only imagine the reflection and planning that have gone into your decision. You are displaying a force of will and courage that are necessary for you to achieve your dream.

Let me just say that it has now been about 15 years since I made a similar decision---and it has changed my life—all for the better. By differentiating myself from other family lawyers and focusing all of my time and resources into peacemaking, I gained increased credibility with my referral sources. Also, my family law colleagues no longer see me as a litigator competitor.

Most importantly, I am more congruent as both a professional and a person. I have greater control over my life and am no longer split in two.

I wish all of this for you---and more. We also share the fortune of joy of having spouses who support our risk taking and believe in us. This emotional back-up cannot be overstated.

Looking forward to watching you achieve success and happiness in the next chapter of your life.

With warm personal regards,

Forrest S. Mosten Collaborative Lawyer and Mediator