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Susan Rutberg suggested that I contact you regarding possible testimony before the commission on your next date, January 10, 2007. I understand that Susan has mentioned me to you.

As background, I am an attorney, now at the San Francisco Public Defenders Office, who was a geneticist/molecular biologist in my first career. Since I became an attorney in 1995, I have been dealing with cases involving DNA evidence. At this point I have consulted on or acted as "DNA counsel" in over 100 cases. My position in the Public Defenders office is as a consulting attorney on DNA issues. I teach attorneys around the country as well as in house. I have consulted on cases all over the country as well.

I am currently litigating the question of the discovery of convicted offender profiles in California for defense research. There are some amazing new developments based on data I obtained from Arizona that indicate that the 13 locus profile now used by both the state and federal Convicted Offender DNA databases, is not a unique identifier.

Based on my conversations with Susan and discussions with her class, I believe that I can provide a unique and highly informed perspective on the operation of crime labs, defense concerns at trial, as well as the reliability of the use of DNA evidence in criminal proceedings. My proposed testimony would cover the following areas:

1. Quality control measures for crimes labs
2. Uniform discovery requirements and transparency for crime labs
3. The use of uncorroborated DNA evidence in cold hit cases
4. The use of convicted offender data for research
5. Training of defense attorneys on issues relating to scientific evidence
6. Funding of indigent defense requests for experts and retesting

I can be contacted either via email, or telephone at 415-575-8830.

Thank you

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