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Honorable Richard W. Knepper  
Ohio Sixth District Court of Appeals  
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Dear Judge Knepper:

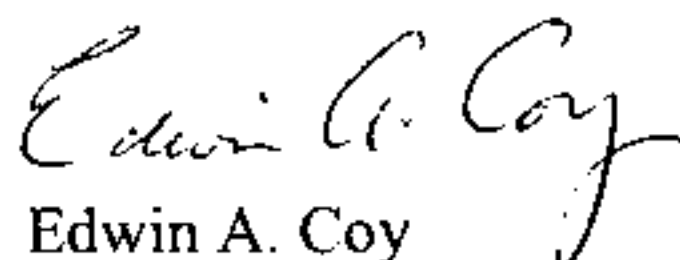
I am pleased to respond to your request for my thoughts as to the strengths you bring to the mediation process.

Without qualification, I believe your manner communicates not only an integrity which commands respect from the parties but also an earnest desire to assist the parties to resolve their dispute. You both understand and respect the parties' interest in actively participating in the process, which often acts as a catalyst to achieve a mediated resolution. From my personal experience, I know that you work and communicate with counsel not only before and during the mediation but also afterward if you perceive remaining opportunity.

I have known you professionally for thirty years. We first met when I defended a bodily injury plaintiff you represented, which case we eventually settled. Over the years I have been counsel in many cases in which you were the trial judge, appellate judge or mediator. It has always been my experience that you have been informed, courteous, fair, persuasive and practical.

Assuming parties are open to the mediation process, I am confident your services as a mediator will maximize their chances for mediated resolution.

Very truly yours,

  
Edwin A. Coy

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