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Dear Desiree:

Hold on to your hat!!! The JUDGE himself called me just now !! AND..... He apologized to me for not having made a decision on your writ. I told him "I understand how busy you are with being on the bench everyday and the caseload you must carry and then having to review writs." He said to me "Well, I thank you for being so gracious but that is no excuse." He said that he had not "denied or refused" your writ; he just hadn't been able to make a decision. He said that one of the problems that he was having was because he wasn't the trier of your case.

He went on to tell me that he had attended the judicial conference several weeks ago and that he had attended the classes on writs. It was suggested to him that he "assign it out" to someone else. He told me that he had decided against that. He also said that one of the reasons he was against this was because "there are some problems in the file". He started to tell me something else and then, abruptly, said, "Well, that's all I'm going to say about that." I believe he is leaning towards granting your writ!! I truly, truly believe this. I WOULD NOT give you false hope. I think that is one of the cruelest things you can do to anyone, and I am certainly NOT about to do that to you.

He then asked me a few questions about Alicia. Not for any other reason than he thinks he knows her!! (Don't worry!!) Alicia did practice down in that area. After the Judge and I hung up, I went and asked Alicia if she knew him. She said it seemed like she did, but couldn't remember. So, we proceeded to look him up in the legal directory and of course, my version (which is two years old) doesn't have his picture!! Anyway, I think that Judge White's asking about my employer is very positive. And, Alicia told me that there were only two "Wilde" attorneys - her and her son (who has only been practicing for two years)!!

And, so..... The Judge seemed very friendly to me. I can tell he is struggling with your writ. Maybe, just maybe, this will be over for you soon!!!

Sincerely,



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