



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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Dear Mr. Prober:

I write about one of your young associates Homan Mobasser who just finished trying a case before me. I have neither the time nor incentive to write letters about anyone unless it is to remark on something very good or very bad. I am pleased to report that he falls in the former category.

Mr. Mobasser's client, the U.S. Department of Education was suing a woman who was acting in pro se, a difficult situation in the best of circumstances. I became concerned that perhaps she may have had a viable defense, but that her limited understanding of discovery methods would leave her at a decided disadvantage, leading perhaps to an unfair result.

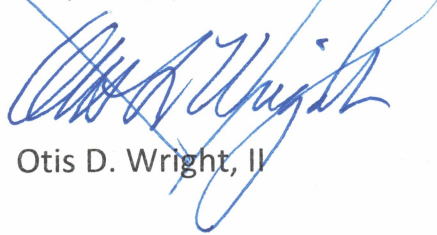
I advised Mr. Mobasser that as counsel for the government I would be holding him to the same standards that I do other government lawyers. In other words, the idea isn't to win at any cost, but to see to it that we achieve the right result and justice is done. I essentially had him scour all reasonable sources of data in the possession of the government with an eye toward finding information to support her case.

I am fully aware that I was putting him in an awkward situation, and certainly one he had never been in before. Without complaint he set out to comply with my unusual request. From what I was able to determine, he did as I asked. Unfortunately for the pro se defendant, his efforts failed to produce evidence to support her position. Consequently, Mr. Mobasser obtained a judgment for his client for every dime he was requesting. He said this was his first trial in federal court, but that certainly was

not immediately apparent. Were it not for one question he asked me, I would never have known this was his first trial. He is a natural in the courtroom. Polite, professional, confident and well prepared. Unlike the vast majority of lawyers who appear before me for trial, he doesn't waste time taking a witness through irrelevant topics. He knows the point he is trying to make and he wastes no time getting to the point. At one point he attacked a piece of documentary evidence of the defendant with the speed, efficiency and efficacy of a professional assassin. Yet at other times he demonstrated finesse. He seemed to realize that the defendant was going to do some of his work for him so he was content not to raise certain points. Instinctively he know that the information which defendant would unwittingly reveal would carry a much more devastating effect coming from her voluntarily than had he brought it out himself. And he was correct. It was a well tried case and I feel he should be complimented. So I am doing just that.

I look forward to having him return to my courtroom anytime.

Very truly yours,



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