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July 3, 2006

Don T. Sirmons, Circuit Judge  
Indigent Services Committee, Chair  
Bay County Courthouse  
300 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Panama City, FL 32401

Dear Judge Sirmons:

This letter is in response to the request made by the Indigent Services Committee (ISC) for an extension of the 2005-2006 contracts for court-appointed counsel in your circuit, allowing the ISC additional time to consider alternative options and approaches concerning court-appointed counsel and to research and develop such plans by September 30, 2006.

For those attorneys who *have not signed* the new contract, the Justice Administrative Commission (JAC) will extend their 2005 contracts allowing them to continue to take appointments after July 1, 2006 and receive payment for the work rendered on those cases. However, for attorneys who *have signed* the new contract, these recently executed agreements supersede any previous contracts with JAC.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact me by phone at 866-355-7902 or via email at [victoriam@jac.state.fl.us](mailto:victoriam@jac.state.fl.us).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Victoria A. Montanaro for".

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cc: Herman Laramore, Public Defender  
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