



October 11, 2007

Hon. John W. Sedwick
United States District Court Judge
222 West 7th Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99513

RE: 3:07-cr-00062-JWS

Dear Judge Sedwick,

I am requesting your consideration of my feelings regarding the upcoming sentencing of Bill Bobrick for his guilty pleas on conspiracy to commit extortion and bribery. I am hopeful that the court will exercise leniency. I appreciate your time and energy toward this very difficult decision.

I met Mr. Bobrick many years ago while providing photography services to him and his family before, during and following his wedding day. Previous to that, I had done photography work for his wife's family for several years. As I came to learn more about Bill I realized that he and I have a strong connection: we both care deeply for those who cannot always speak for themselves. In my case, I work with abandoned companion animals in cooperation with many organizations throughout Alaska. In Bill's case, he has been an anchor for abused women in crisis, he has rescued and made lifetime commitments to companion animals, and he has advocated for many people, including myself, in public forums.

As for the latter, I looked to Mr. Bobrick for help in legally opening my photography studio in South Anchorage five years ago. I had purchased a building and property with the intention of expanding my small business. I had no idea how overwhelming it would be to run a business while also working with local zoning bureaucracies. I am a very good photographer but not so good at working with municipal personalities. It was clear, early on, that the only chance I had to reach my goals was to ask for professional help. I had already been treated poorly by city planners and my hope was to win my case in front of the Anchorage Assembly. I knew Bill did lobbying work in city circles. I approached him and asked if I could hire him for advice on how I could present my case. He agreed. Subsequently, he guided me through the process of meeting my respective assembly members and provided guidance on how I might prepare my case. All along the way, he offered moral support and helped me remain positive in my pursuits. Ultimately, I could have accomplished all of these things on my own. Bill, however, was a bridge. He helped me see that working with government is not as intimidating as it first appears. In the end, the Assembly approved my rezoning request and I am operating a thriving studio with several staff and thousands of happy clients.

Bill helped me because he believed in me. He believed in the good things I aspire to achieve. He's seen my accomplishments and wanted to help accelerate my positive impact on the community.

Since then, I've come across Bill and his wife as they've supported various non-profit functions and I've continued to photograph him and his well-loved dogs. These are things that aren't done for public consumption. They are traits that are part of his heart and soul. They are qualities that stay with a person. I know Bill is a good person and someone with a will to help others. While he has clearly made mistakes, I believe he has every intention of making a positive difference in the lives of other people if given the chance.



This past July, I saw Bill driving home on O'Malley Road. His dogs' heads were popping out the windows and I decided to follow him home to say hello and offer support. (I had not seen Bill for several months.)

Bill met me in the driveway - surprised but happy to see me. While our dogs played together in his yard, I told him he was in my thoughts and that he had my support. His eyes immediately welled up in tears. It was a poignant moment. Initially, I felt badly for bringing out that emotion but I soon came to realize that I was lucky to be part of his healing process, that I am lucky to be his friend. It's obvious that Bill understands the hurt he has caused himself and many who support him. It is obvious to me that this is a man with heart and soul who truly wants to help others and one who is less likely to ask others for help. I believe that he will shine again and that his commitment to helping others is lifelong

I sincerely ask that you allow Bill Bobrick to continue his healing with friends and family closely surrounding him. His mark on the community will be more positive if he is able to be a part of the community he will serve. Just as he completely believed in me, I completely believe in him. He can make us all proud.

Thank you so much for your consideration.



David Jensen