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Derek Chauvin Update and Statement

Saturday, November 25, 2023. *Minneapolis, MN. Gregory Erickson, partner, Mohrman, Kaardal & Erickson, P.A.*

As it happens, the partner (Bill Mohrman) who was in charge of Derek's appeal is currently unavailable, so the responsibility of responding to these numerous requests for information, all of which regard Derek's stabbing at the Tucson, Arizona Federal Prison and/or his subsequent medical condition, falls to me, because I represented Derek in the civil suit which was brought during the George Floyd trial. First of all, I would like to thank all of the members of the national and local media for being respectful in your requests for information during this holiday weekend. I understand that you all have jobs to do, and I appreciate your efforts to make sure that the information you are reporting is accurate.

Second of all, I want to point out that our law firm specializes in constitutional law and government relations and were retained as counsel because of our experience in appealing constitutional issues to the U.S. Supreme Court, and that neither I, nor my partners, are experienced criminal lawyers and therefore do not have extensive experience with the prison system. I have been in contact with Derek's prison on no less than six occasions and also with Derek's immediate family. Neither our law firm, nor any of Derek's immediate family (including the holder of his medical power of attorney-and his emergency contact-two separate family members) who have attempted to contact the prison have been provided with any updates on his condition or his current location. As an outsider, I view this lack of communication with his attorneys and family members as completely outrageous. It appears to be indicative of a poorly run facility and indicates how Derek's assault was allowed to happen. When I read earlier today in the Associated Press that this same prison allowed one of its inmates access to a firearm a little over a year ago, I concluded that this institution is suffering from a complete lack of institutional control. How the family members who are in charge of Derek's decisions regarding his personal medical care and his emergency contact were not informed after his stabbing further indicates the institution's poor procedures and lack of institutional control. Although Derek's family assumes he is stable because of a third-party report (not direct contact), they are understandably doubtful because of the lack of transparency that has permeated this ordeal. I hope you all find it strange and troubling, as we do, that the media has been provided more information than Derek's attorneys or immediate family. I would like you all to imagine how you would feel if this was your son, brother, or father who was stabbed and forced to suffer alone, his location concealed from you. This is completely unacceptable. If this is standard procedure, the procedure must be changed.

Thank you all for your patience, and I will advise you all of any changes in the information we are provided.