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**ABA Working Group on the Unmet Legal Needs
of Children and Their Families**

Dear Evelyn:

I am enclosing a copy of the Report that we will be presenting to Mrs. Clinton and the Attorney General next Tuesday, August 3rd. The Report is embargoed until that time, but we wanted you to see it as soon as possible.



Once again, thank you for all of your help in making the White House presentation possible.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Catherine", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Catherine J. Ross

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MEMORANDUM

To **VIA FACSIMILE**

From

Margaret Williams, Esq.

Subject

A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr.

ABA Working Group on the Unmet Legal
Needs of Children and Their Families

I am writing to follow up on our conversation regarding the participants in the presentation of the Report of the above group to the First Lady and the Attorney General on Tuesday, August 3rd.

We deeply appreciate Hillary Rodham Clinton's interest in our project and her willingness to receive our Report personally. We will be absolutely flexible in working with your office on the number of participants.

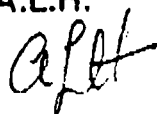
For your convenience, I am attaching two lists of prospective invitees, along with brief biographies of each Working Group member as they appear in the Report. Group one consists of 11 persons: the current and incoming ABA Presidents, the Vice Chair of the Working Group, the conveners of the six Working Group substantive clusters, a senior partner of my firm and myself. Group

two includes all of the above plus the rest of the members of the Working Group.

I look forward to talking with you soon. Once again, thanks for all of your help.

Catherine Ross is sending you a copy of the Report under separate cover for delivery tomorrow.

A.L.H.



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cc: (via facsimile)
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(w/enclosures)

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APPENDIX A

Members of the ABA Working Group on the Unmet Legal Needs of Children and Their Families

The Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., Chair
(Appointed by ABA President J. Michael McWilliams)

Judge Higginbotham is of counsel to Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, which he joined after retiring as Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. He served as a federal judge for more than 29 years, including 15 years on the Court of Appeals and 14 years on the United States District Court. In 1962, he was appointed to the United States Federal Trade Commission. He has served on many national commissions including the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence and the Commission on Reform of Federal Criminal Laws. Judge Higginbotham is the author of *In the Matter of Color*, published by Oxford University Press in 1978, which received the ABA's Silver Gavel Award. He has been an adjunct professor at several universities, including the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard University, Yale University, New York University, the University of Michigan and Stanford University.

Catherine J. Ross, Vice Chair
(Appointed by ABA President J. Michael McWilliams)

Ms. Ross is an associate in the litigation department at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison. She earned a doctorate in history from Yale, held a post-doctoral fellowship at the Bush Center for Child Development and Social Policy at Yale and, prior to attending law school, was on the faculty of the Yale Child Study Center, Yale University School of Medicine. She has taught, written and consulted about child abuse and neglect, foster care, children's rights, the welfare system, and programs to serve impoverished children. Ms. Ross is joint editor of *Child Abuse: An Agenda for Action* published by Oxford University Press in 1980.

David M. Abromowitz
(Appointed by the ABA Forum Committee on Affordable Housing & Community Development Law)

Mr. Abromowitz is an attorney at Goulston & Storrs, Boston, Massachusetts, where he specializes in housing development for low- and moderate-income residents. He founded and currently co-chairs the Lawyers Clearinghouse on Affordable Housing and Homelessness, a pro bono program of the Boston and Massachusetts Bar Associations, which provides legal services to non-profit developers and shelters.

Jonathan D. Asher
(Appointed by the ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants)

Mr. Asher has been the Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society of Metropolitan Denver since 1980. He has been recognized for his dedication to making legal services available to indigent Colorado residents. He is a former director of litigation and Supervisory Attorney for Colorado Rural Legal Services and Director of the Colorado Coalition Legal Services Program.

Michael E. Barber
(Appointed by the ABA Section of Family Law)

Mr. Barber, a sole practitioner in Sacramento, California, has extensive experience in child support enforcement. He is a past chair of the ABA's Section of Family Law and past president of the District Attorney's Family Support Council in California. Most recently, he served on the United States Commission on Interstate Child Support Enforcement, and he has worked for several United States presidential administrations on developing national child support policy.

The Honorable Rosemary Barkett
(Appointed by the ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty)

Chief Justice Barkett is Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court. As chair of the Child Welfare and Child Support Study in Florida, she has been instrumental in changing public opinion on the protection of individual rights of children in that state. Chief Justice Barkett has also played a role in revising Florida's domestic laws affecting families and children.

Doris Clanton
(Appointed by the ABA Section on Dispute Resolution)

Doris Clanton currently works as Assistant Counsel to the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee (chaired by Senator John Glenn). She is a former criminal and juvenile law practitioner. She works with the Section on Dispute Resolution Staff on the Mediation in the Schools project and on youth issues.

Kahlil Aryn Day
(Appointed by the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association)

Mr. Day has worked primarily as a general practitioner. He is a past president of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Florida and an active member of the Florida Bar Committee for Equal Opportunities in the Profession.

Sara-Ann Determan
(Appointed by the ABA Consortium on Legal Services and the Public)

Ms. Determan is a partner at the Washington, D.C. law firm of Hogan and Hartson. She is the former president and treasurer of the District of Columbia Bar and former chair of the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities. She currently chairs the steering committee for the ABA Postconviction Death Penalty Representation Project, as well as the ABA Committee on Delivery of Legal Services. She is a board member and founder of the Women's Legal Defense Fund, a board member of the National Capital Area American Civil Liberties Union and a trustee of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law.

Bernardine Dohrn
(Appointed by the ABA Section of Litigation)

Ms. Dohrn is the Director of the Children and Family Justice Center at Northwestern University School of Law.

She is co-chair of the ABA Litigation Section's Task Force on Children. She has worked extensively in the Cook County child welfare system, with the Juvenile Law Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, and the Children's Rights and Homeless Advocacy Projects of the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago.

The Honorable Bernice B. Donald
(Appointed by the ABA Steering Committee
on Racial and Ethnic Bias in the Justice System)

Judge Donald currently serves on the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Tennessee. Previously, she served for six years as Judge of the General Sessions Criminal Court of Memphis, Tennessee. Judge Donald is past president of the National Association of Women Judges, where she helped pass resolutions seeking legislation on the rights of children. She served as chair of the board of Mid-town Mental Health Center, which provides services for children and families.

The Honorable Fernande R.V. Duffly
(Appointed by the National Asian Pacific
American Bar Association)

Judge Duffly is Associate Justice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Trial Court. She has experience in the Probate and Family Court, which has jurisdiction over divorce, parental rights termination, guardianship and support, and other probate and equity matters. She was engaged in the private practice of domestic relations law for 14 years.

Maria Foscarnis
(Appointed by the ABA Commission on Homelessness
and Poverty)

Ms. Foscarnis founded and directs the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty, which engages in impact litigation, policy advocacy and research. She was formerly a litigation associate at Sullivan & Cromwell in New York, where she represented homeless families on a pro bono basis.

Stephanie Franklin-Suber
(Appointed by the National Bar Association)

Ms. Franklin-Suber is a partner with the firm of Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is chair of the Small and Minorities Business Committee of the Philadelphia Bar Association, and former president of the Barristers' Association of Philadelphia.

Lisa A. Godfrey
(Appointed by the National Conference of Women's
Bar Associations)

Ms. Godfrey practices law in Kalamazoo, Michigan, with Reed, Stover & O'Connor, P.C. She is a member of the National Conference of Women's Bar Associations and currently serves as its president. She has worked to influence legislation and policies that affect women and families.

Linda N. Goldstein
(Appointed by the ABA Section of Real Property,
Probate & Trust Law)

Ms. Goldstein is a partner with the Washington, D.C. office of New York's Lane & Mittendorf. Ms. Goldstein has also served in the Office of General Counsel, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, where she was responsible for legal issues concerning the Federal Housing Administration. Ms. Goldstein chairs the ABA Special

Committee on Affordable Housing (Section of Real Property and Probate). She was recently appointed Vice Chair of the Advisory Committee, Center for Community Development, The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change.

Iris McCollum Green
(Appointed by the National Bar Association)

Ms. Green is a founding partner of Green & Foshee in Washington, D.C., where, among other things, she has represented children in abuse and neglect cases. Her interest in children's rights stems from her work in civil rights law at the U.S. Department of Justice.

Fay Hartog-Rapp
(Appointed by the ABA Section on Urban, State and
Local Government)

Ms. Hartog-Rapp has represented public schools in abuse/neglect proceedings, truancy cases and other juvenile court proceedings. She also has expertise in educational and rehabilitative services for disabled students.

Kimberly Hornak
(Appointed by the ABA Young Lawyers Division)

Ms. Hornak is a prosecutor on the Special Victim Team in Salt Lake City, Utah, which handles child sexual and physical abuse cases. She currently chairs the Children and the Law Committee of the ABA Young Lawyers Division. She also sits on the board of Utah's chapter of the National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse.

Zona F. Hostetler
(Appointed by the ABA Center for Professional
Responsibility)

Ms. Hostetler has served on the ABA ethics committee and is the immediate past chair of the ABA's Committee on Professionalism. She has served on numerous bar committees concerned with legal aid and pro bono activities and is currently on the Council for the ABA's Individual Rights and Responsibilities Section. She practices law in Washington, D.C.

Bobbi Tillmon Mallory
(Appointed by the National Bar Association)

Ms. Mallory has been a family law attorney for approximately 14 years and is a senior partner in the law firm of Mallory, Brown-Curtis & Mallory. She has served on numerous family law committees and is currently vice chair of the ABA Family Law Section's Family Courts Committee.

James Morales
(Appointed by the Hispanic National Bar Association)

Mr. Morales is a staff attorney at the National Center for Youth Law, San Francisco, where he advises legal aid lawyers on issues affecting low-income children. He specializes in fair housing law, juvenile corrections and youth employment.

James R. Neuhard
(Appointed by the ABA Special
Committee on Funding the Justice System)

Mr. Neuhard is the director of the State Appellate Defender Office, Detroit, Michigan. He is chair of the ABA Special Committee on Funding the Justice System, which will investigate and attack the system-wide crisis in funding for all aspects of the justice system. He is the immediate past president of the National Legal Aid and Defender

Association and the former chair of the ABA Bar Information Project.

John L. Popilek
(Appointed by the ABA General Practice Section)

Mr. Popilek has been a Superior Court Commissioner for approximately five years. He works daily with juveniles in detention centers and residential placements, and is involved with a number of committees in Arizona which are working to reform the juvenile justice system. Currently, he serves on a committee that is working with the Arizona educational system to improve the relationship between educational institutions and the juvenile justice system.

The Honorable Blake Ramsey
(Appointed by the ABA Judicial Administration Division)

Judge Ramsey is currently a Utah Pro Tem circuit court judge on family law matters and an attorney in private practice at Rieke-Cisil and Savage. She has seven years experience as a juvenile law and family law attorney. She is chair of the board for the Parry Center for Children and The Salvation Army Harbor Light for the Homeless.

Pamela J. Roberts
(Appointed by the ABA Special Committee on the Drug Crisis)

Ms. Roberts is a partner with the law firm of Nexsen, Pruet, Jacobs & Pollard in Columbia, South Carolina. She is a member of the ABA Special Committee on the Drug Crisis and chairs its Juvenile Justice Task Force. She is Immediate Past Chairperson of the ABA Young Lawyers Division and from 1990-92 served on the advisory board to the ABA Center on Children and the Law.

Deborah H. Schenk
(Appointed by the ABA Section of Taxation)

Ms. Schenk is a professor of law at New York University School of Law, specializing in problems of low-income taxpayers and small businesses. She is a former chairman of the ABA Low Income Taxpayers Committee. Currently, she is a member of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York's Committee on Personal Income.

L. William Schmidt, Jr.
(Appointed by the ABA Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law)

Mr. Schmidt practices estate planning, probate and business planning law in Denver, Colorado. He offers insight on the property rights of minors, guardianship, and representation of children in property and trust cases.

Robert G. Schwartz
(Appointed by the ABA Juvenile Justice Committee, Criminal Justice Section)

Mr. Schwartz is the co-founder and executive director of the Juvenile Law Center, a Philadelphia-based public interest law firm. He works with advocates and public policy makers throughout the country to improve child serving systems and is involved with promoting family and community-based services, ensuring delivery of quality health care, and reducing barriers to services.

Debbie Segal
(Appointed by the ABA Standing Committee on Lawyer's Public Service Responsibility)

Ms. Segal is the executive director of the Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation, a pro bono organization which works with law firms and private attorneys to facilitate representation of children in contested custody cases, truancy cases and deprivation cases. As a civil litigator, she has extensive trial and appellate experience in domestic and housing cases.

Nancy G. Shor
(Appointed by the ABA Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice)

Ms. Shor is the Executive Director of the National Organization of Social Security Claimant's Representatives (NOSSCR), where she works with publicly funded and private advocates for Social Security disability and Supplemental Security Income disability claimants.

Tracey E. Skinner
(Appointed by the ABA Youth Education for Citizenship)

Ms. Skinner is a solo practitioner in Baltimore, Maryland and has been practicing law for eight years. Her interest in children's rights issues started in the beginning of her career when she took on pro bono cases in the special education area. Since then, as past chair of the Maryland State Bar's Young Lawyers Section and as a member of the ABA's Special Committee on Youth Education for Citizenship, she has been involved with law-related education for young students.

Daniel L. Skoler
(Appointed by the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities)

Mr. Skoler is currently an associate commissioner within the U.S. Social Security Administration. He has served as the executive director of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, a member of the Advisory Board of the ABA Center on Children and the Law, and a member of the ABA/JJA Joint Commission on Juvenile Justice Standards. He currently chairs the work group established by the ADA to assist the U.S. Executive Branch and the Senate in identification and clarification of issues relevant to the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

James M. Stillwagon
(Appointed by the ABA Coordinating Committee on Immigration)

Mr. Stillwagon is counsel to the firm of White & Case in New York City and serves as trustee and counsel to the Maternity and Early Childhood Foundation of the State of New York, which provides funds for prenatal and neonatal care for the urban and rural poor. His professional expertise is in immigration law.

The Honorable Jean M. Toal
(Appointed by the ABA Standing Committee on Association Communications)

Judge Toal practiced law for 20 years prior to her present election to the South Carolina Supreme Court. She has practiced primarily trial and appellate litigation before all trial and appellate level courts, both state and federal, in South Carolina. She served as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives for 13 years. She was the

first woman in South Carolina to chair a standing committee of the House of Representatives.

H. Rutherford Turnbull, III
(Appointed by the ABA Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law)

Mr. Turnbull, chair of the ABA Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law, is a professor of special education and a professor of law in the areas of special education law, mental disabilities law and public policy at the University of Kansas at Lawrence. He co-directs The Beach Center, the nation's only federally funded rehabilitation and research and training center that focuses exclusively on families of persons with disabilities.

Margaret Bush Wilson
(Appointed by the ABA Special Committee on Youth Education for Citizenship)

Ms. Wilson is a senior partner in the law firm of Wilson & Associates. She is the past chair of the NAACP National Board of Directors and served nine terms in that office from

1975-1984. She presently chairs the ABA Special Committee on Youth Education for Citizenship.

Marshall J. Wolf
(Appointed by the ABA Section of Family Law)

Mr. Wolf practices domestic relations law at Wolf and Akers in Cleveland. He is chair of the ABA Family Law Section. He has served as a member of numerous family law committees and is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Diane C. Yu
(Appointed by the ABA Commission on Opportunities for Minorities in the Profession)

Ms. Yu is currently General Counsel for the State Bar of California. Prior to her present appointment in 1987, she was a White House Fellow in Washington, D.C., following three years as the Superior Court Commissioner in Probate and Family Law for Alameda County. She serves on the board of the California Consortium for the Prevention of Child Abuse.