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Dear Mr. McGuire,

May 10, 2014

Please bring to the Court's attention the following "focus issues" for the May 28, 2014, oral argument in the above-entitled case:

- 1. Argument IV(errors related to pervasive and prejudicial jury misconduct);
- 2. Argument V(failure to timely rule on Mr. Weatherton's motion for new trial; postponement of new trial motion until after penalty phase was started and completed);
- 3. Argument XXI (wrongful dismissal of Juror No 2 mid-trial; see also, supplemental briefing on this issue).

Best wishes to you. If you have any questions, please call or write.

Sincerely yours,

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#### **DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY MAIL**

Re: *People v. Fred Weatherton*, Cal. Supreme Court No. S106489; Riverside Co. Super Ct. No. INF 030802

I, the undersigned, declare that I am over 18 years of age, and not a party to the within cause; my business address is PMB 422, 4110 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, Oregon 97214. I served a true copy of the attached

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Each said envelope was then, on May 16, 2014, sealed and deposited in the United States mail at Portland, Oregon, Multnomah County, the county in which I am employed, with the postage thereon fully prepaid. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

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