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**PRESS RELEASE ON BEHALF OF HOLLY LABERGE
SEPTEMBER 3, 2014**

MS. LABERGE HAS ASKED HER PERSONAL COUNSEL TO RESPOND TO THE VARIOUS MEDIA INQUIRIES REGARDING THE ORDER ISSUED TODAY GRANTING THE SANCTIONS MOTION FILED ON BEHALF OF STACY KALBERMAN. MS. LABERGE WAS NOT SUED IN HER PERSONAL CAPACITY IN THIS MATTER AND WILL APPEAL THE PERSONAL SANCTION ISSUED BY THE COURT, BELIEVING IT TO BE IMPERMISSIBLE SINCE NEITHER THE MOTION NOR THE COMPLAINT SOUGHT PERSONAL RELIEF AGAINST HER. BECAUSE SHE WAS NOT NAMED PERSONALLY, SHE PERMITTED THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO APPOINT A LAWYER TO REPRESENT HER AT THE SANCTIONS HEARING, AND SHE DID NOT HAVE HER PERSONAL COUNSEL REPRESENT HER AT THE HEARING. THE COMPLETE LACK OF NOTICE THAT THE COURT WAS GOING TO CONSIDER A PERSONAL SANCTION REQUIRES AN APPEAL.

THE MORE TROUBLING ASPECT OF THE ORDER IS THE FACT THAT THE PERSON WHO BROUGHT THE ALL-IMPORTANT MEMO TO LIGHT DOCUMENTING THE THREATS MS. LABERGE RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE WAS MS. LABERGE. LEE PARKS, WHO IS SERVING AS MS. LABERGE'S PERSONAL ATTORNEY HAD THIS COMMENT:

"DUE PROCESS STARTS WITH NOTICE OF THE CHARGES AGAINST YOU AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND. I SPECIFICALLY ASKED MS. KALBERMAN'S COUNSEL IF THERE WERE ANY PERSONAL CLAIMS BEING MADE AGAINST HOLLY, AND SHE ASSURED ME THERE WERE NONE."

“WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, WE BELIEVE THE JUDGE WRONGLY ELEVATED THE SANCTIONS MOTION AGAINST THE STATE TO SOMETHING THAT IT WAS NEVER INTENDED TO BE - ONE THAT SOUGHT TO HAVE MS. LABERGE SANCTIONED PERSONALLY. BUT, THE EVEN MORE IMPORTANT POINT IS THIS: WITHOUT HOLLY COMING FORWARD, AND DISCLOSING THE CRITICAL MEMORANDUM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WRONGLY FAILED TO DISCLOSE AFTER HE RECEIVED IT FROM HOLLY DURING THE LITIGATION, NO ONE WOULD HAVE EVER KNOWN IT EXISTED. SHE BROUGHT IT INTO THE CLEAR LIGHT OF DAY.”

“THE DECISION TO HIDE THIS DOCUMENT DURING THE LITIGATION WAS NOT MADE BY HOLLY; IT WAS A DECISION MADE BY THE LAWYER OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ASSIGNED TO REPRESENT HOLLY, A LAWYER WHO ADMITTED HE WITHHELD THAT CRITICAL DOCUMENT. YET, THERE IS NO PERSONAL SANCTION OF THAT LAWYER. THAT IS SIMPLY WRONG. IT IS OUR HOPE THE APPELLATE COURT WILL CORRECT THE GRAVE INJUSTICE DONE TODAY BY BLAMING THE WHISTLEBLOWER THAT RISKED HER JOB TO DISCLOSE A MAJOR COVER UP ENGAGED IN BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN TO HIDE THE TRUTH AND AVOID LIABILITY IN PENDING LITIGATION.”

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