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Dear Friends, Colleagues, and Clients,

As we have all experienced, life is full of blessings, joy and challenges. I am regretfully writing to share one of life's challenges my family and I recently learned we will be facing.

I have been diagnosed with colorectal cancer involving a malignant tumor which was discovered during a routine colonoscopy a couple of weeks ago. While I have already underwent diagnostic testing and have met with my surgeon, I am scheduled for additional testing so that my team of physicians will have the best possible opportunity to hopefully cure me of this disease.

While my primary team of physicians are based in Springfield, I will be traveling to Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota this week as part of determining the best possible path forward. I will be required to stay in Rochester for 3-5 business days.

From what I know thus far, surgery will inevitably be part of my treatment. The upcoming testing will help determine whether I must undergo any chemotherapy and/or radiation and further determine surgery options.

Based on my current understanding, surgery will take approximately 4 hours and is quite extensive. I will be hospitalized for 3-5 days with 4-6 weeks for recovery.

Luckily, I feel healthy and have continued to work full-time. This will be my intention whether surgery is in the next 2-3 weeks or next 2-3 months.

In addition to having 4 wonderful children and an amazing wife, all of whom I love more than words can ever express, I also want to do my best to meet all of my personal and professional obligations to each of you.

I am sharing this information not only for my family to be in your prayers, but also so that you may make informed decisions on legal matters which I may be assisting you. We will be making temporary changes in office hours together with other measures to account for my absence. I plan to work remotely when out of the office and will do everything I can to minimize delays, continuances, and cancellations. Despite my best efforts, delays will occur, and I will be slow or unable to respond at times.

I fully recognize delays can be unacceptable or not in clients' best interests and/or not in the interest of our legal system. The timelines and outcomes I've set forth are not guaranteed and may change as this journey continues. If there are legal matters we are asked to transition to other counsel, Gwen and I fully understand. Likewise, if we believe a transition is necessary to meet clients' best interests, we will attempt to inform clients of this as well at the earliest possible moment. We truly want the best outcomes for our clients, whether we are providing legal representation or not.

I apologize for having to send such a somber correspondence. I remain hopeful for the future, personally and of our firm. These challenges serve as a reminder of how many blessings God has given me--- a great life filled with happiness, family and each of you.

Sincerely,

Luke

P.S.

If you respond to this email and I am slow to respond, please know I am not being dismissive or being rude. The bulk of my time at this juncture is being prioritized to minimize impact upon clients, my family and employees.

Also, the list of folks I have sent this to is not exhaustive. Feel free to let any of your colleagues know the foregoing in case we have any ongoing or future matters together.

Thank you.

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