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Dear friends, colleagues and amazing clients:

About a year ago, it became apparent that I had experienced all of the fun any man is entitled to have in a career. It has been marvelous. Thank you for your loyalty, your friendship, the trust you have so freely granted to me, and the opportunity to be of service.

I will be retiring from the practice of law over the next few months, but will be working with Mr. Brett Goodman, my successor, to assist him as wanted or needed.

I ultimately chose Brett because of his personality, his professionalism, his skill-set, and his honesty, but mostly because of his impeccable integrity. I am confident that you will like him.

He will work with you to explain the possible near-term changes in the Federal Estate Tax Laws. He can counsel and guide you in your choices in the distribution plans for your estate and the choices of fiduciaries and managers you will select to oversee the plans that you and he will create.

I understand that he will continue to provide the same general type of estate planning services as I may have provided in the past, plus some.

For the present, Brett will keep his office in the same building where I am now, so he should be easy to find.

May God bless each of you as you grow upward and onward. Please don't delay your call to Brett, and get acquainted.

I wish you every happiness & success.

Sincerely,

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To Ernie's Clients:

My name is Brett Goodman, and I feel privileged to be taking over Ernie Ellsworth's practice. This transition is scheduled to officially take place on February 13, 2023; on that date, the firm will begin operating as Goodman Estate Law, APC. We will be in the same building where Ernie practiced, and Ernie's existing phone number will continue to be the primary contact number.

I earned my bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University, then graduated from Chapman Law School in 2017. I began my career in the tax world at PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, one of the largest public accounting firms, and soon thereafter transitioned into estate planning.

Ernie has been an instrumental part of my law journey, and we share the same values and outlook on giving individual care to every client. I first knew of him as the attorney who drafted my parents' trust over 30 years ago, and more recently I was able to rely on him as I made decisions about my own estate planning career. Ernie has emphasized how important his clients are to him, and I am honored that Ernie is entrusting me with this responsibility.

I have been able to help hundreds of individuals and families to create and update their wills and trusts, and to navigate the uncertainty that follows the death of a loved one. I truly love what I do, and look forward to practicing for many years to come. Now is an especially important time to reevaluate an old estate plan, given current tax law and the trajectory of the federal estate tax exemption. I have assisted many families in restructuring their trust to avoid significant administrative burden and cost.

I am committed to providing the same level of excellent service that Ernie always has, and I look forward to serving you in your estate planning, probate, and trust and estate administration needs. Please call or email to set up an introductory meeting, with a complimentary review and discussion of your current estate planning documents. For all of Ernie's returning clients, I will be happy to offer preferred rates for any new work needed.

Best regards,



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