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Re: Rafferty, et al. v. Doar, et al.

Dear Maureen and Jerry:

I am enclosing with this letter a check for \$3,438.14, which represents Drinker Biddle's actual costs as per the information we received from Mike Daly.

In accordance with the Foundation's principles and your September 16, 2015 e-mail, we are treating the \$204,079.08 billed by Drinker Biddle as a donation to the National Center for Law and Economic Justice. Since no part of your gift constitutes a return for any goods or services, the entire amount is tax-deductible.

You both as well as the wonderful lawyers – Michael Daly, Joshua Link, and Nicholas Felton - with whom we have worked exemplify the very best in our profession and the low-income visually impaired residents of New York have been the direct beneficiaries of that excellence in pro bono services. Mike and his team were tireless in their pursuit of the best possible outcomes for the clients. They provided valuable revisions to the complaint and other pleadings and papers throughout the case. They offered important and insightful perspectives on shaping the relief once it became clear that the case was moving to remedy phase. And, Mike particularly was a fierce advocate for the class in difficult settlement negotiations helping to secure important concessions from the defendants.

As you know, this is a ground-breaking case, and we hope to replicate this success elsewhere. We are so grateful both for your most generous contribution of fees, which will provide critical support for our continued economic justice advocacy, but also for the commitment and skills that the Drinker team brought to this case. The extraordinary commitment of Drinker Biddle and the Barbara McDowell and Jerry Hartman Foundation – and both of you personally - to the cause of economic justice and the provision of pro bono and financial support to the effort is without parallel.

Best,


Marc Cohan
Acting Executive Director

cc: Jennifer Selendy, Quinn Emmanuel
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