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Ms. Pamela Basler, Executive Director  
Anchorage Equal Rights Commission  
632 West Sixth Avenue, Suite 110  
Anchorage, Alaska. 99519-6650

Re: AERC Case No. 18-167

Ms. Basler,

Please find enclosed Respondent Brena, Bell & Clarkson, P.C.'s ("Brena, Bell & Clarkson") motion to dismiss for lack of jurisdiction and request to withdraw Complaint 18-167. See AMC § 5.40.060(A); AMC § 5.70.080(C); *see also* § 5.60.020(A)(4).

I am confident that after reading our motion you will understand that the Anchorage Equal Rights Commission (the "AERC") lacks jurisdiction over the Downtown Hope Center and *its lawyers* Brena, Bell and Clarkson. Further, I am certain that you will agree that Complaint 18-167 was imprudently filed and should be withdrawn immediately. Consequently, the Fact Finding Conference scheduled for July 9, 2018, should be cancelled.

Should the AERC disregard the compelling arguments set forth in Respondents' Motion to Dismiss and proceed with the scheduled July 9 Fact Finding Conference, I will appear for Brena, Bell & Clarkson. My client does not intend to tender any documents or present any witnesses beyond the enclosed motion to dismiss and its exhibits until the AERC has ruled upon the attached motion, and my appearance should not be construed as any form of waiver. At the hearing, I will be available to restate my client's position that the AERC lacks jurisdiction and nothing more.

Please note that Brena, Bell & Clarkson intends to make a stenographic record of any proceedings on July 9, 2018, and requests that the AERC provide a court reporter to make such record. If the AERC is unable or unwilling to provide a court reporter, Respondent will provide its own. Please advise if the Commission intends to do so.

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