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Re: Edward Gutman

Dear Ms. Boudia:

I believe I am uniquely qualified to recommend Edward Gutman to you. For, Edward Gutman and I actually were opponents. He represented management. I, labor. Over the course of many years, the conflicts between our respective clients often were weighty and fraught with passion.

And yet, I came to have the greatest respect for Mr. Edward Gutman; for the soundness of his judgment, even under great stress; for his fairness, his willingness to consider the positions of all sides to a dispute. Most of all, like the Baltimore-Washington labor law community at large, I, too, came to count on the honesty and integrity with which Mr. Edward Gutman was sure to carry out the responsibilities of his profession.

If I can be of any further assistance to you in this connection, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Stephen Godoff

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cc: sent via email