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Re: Epstein v. Rothstein
Court No.: 2011 MR 000150
Our File No.: 7879 - 10001

Dear Michelle:

I would like to recap the events surrounding the attempted service on Thane Ritchie. As you know, we originally believed that Mr. Ritchie could be served along with Mr. Legamaro at the address in Chicago. This process took several days longer than normal due to the court that signs such orders being dark on the day we filed, and the MLK holiday that following Monday. Mr. Legamaro was served on Wednesday (the day we obtained the signed order); however, we discovered that Mr. Ritchie could not be served there. Mr. Legamaro was not able or willing to tell us where we might find Mr. Ritchie.

We then conducted a public records search to find Mr. Ritchie's home address. The records revealed numerous addresses for Mr. Ritchie, spread out in three separate counties, Lake, DuPage and Cook. It appeared that a DuPage address was the most recent, on Hale Street, so we re-filed for an order in that county and attempted to serve Mr. Ritchie there.

It turned out that the address was for Ritchie Capital Management. Our process server was told Mr. Ritchie was not in and could not be located. The server left the subpoena and order with the company's legal assistant, who, according to the server, obtained an okay from RCM's corporate counsel in New York, Bill Hobbs. This is reflected in the affidavit of service. I tried to confirm the acceptance of service with Mr. Hobbs, who, after several days and several messages and emails, eventually denied giving authorization.