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Mr. Anthony M. O'Connell
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**RE: Estate of Jean M. O'Connell
Fiduciary No. 49160**

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

This will acknowledge receipt of a copy of your letter of July 24, 2000 to Judges of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court of Virginia.

While I do not presume to speak for the Court or any of the Judges, I think that it is safe to say:

(1) the Court is not organized or constituted for the purpose of conducting the sort of investigation required to establish the facts that you allege in your letter. The Court can only decide cases based on evidence produced by others;

(2) the officials who are responsible for conducting investigations of alleged crimes in Virginia are the Commonwealth Attorneys (the prosecutors) in each jurisdiction and the police departments and their detectives. If the available facts are sufficient to convince the Commonwealth's Attorney that it can be proved that a crime has been committed, and that a prosecution is not barred by the statute of limitations, his/her job is to bring the matter before the Court.

I hope this will be helpful.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Honorable F. Bruce Bach, Chief Judge