

September 26, 2012

Honorable Madeleine A Fitzgibbon
Supervising Judge
President of the Board of Judges
Acting County Court Judge
Mental Health Court
John P Cohalan Jr Courthouse
400 Carleton Avenue
Central Islip NY 11722

Dear Honorable Fitzgibbon:

We would like to take this opportunity to commend three members of your Drug Court staff. If it was not for their hard work we feel a different outcome would have been the result for our son.

Our son, [redacted] became involved with drugs that almost destroyed not only his life but our family unit. [redacted] needed a long term structured drug free environment and thanks to Judge Iliou and Ed Giaella they were able to provide this rather than prison time. [redacted] was sent to Rhinebeck, New York for approximately nine months and this program helped [redacted] turn around his life. Judge Iliou and Ed Giaella ensured that [redacted] reported to the courts and spoke of his progress. After leaving the program in Rhinebeck Judge Iliou put [redacted] on a weekly program that insured his continued success. [redacted] eventually went into an every other week check back program which he has maintained until the current date. He is due to graduate from Drug Court in the near future. He was able to return to his previous employment and has been doing exceptionally well.

Whenever we were at the courthouse Ed Giaella would also take the time to speak with us and explain what steps were being taken to help our son recover.

We would also like to commend P O Dowling who was able to convey to [redacted] that he had an opportunity that many others would not have been given. P O Dowling saw [redacted] at every court appearance as well as home visits. P O

Dowling exhibits a care for the individual's recovery rather than a man just doing his job.

In summation, these three individuals were able to reverse our son's addiction and now it has produced man with a good job and a positive outlook on life.

We would like to thank the members of the court for their help in this regard.

Sincerely,



From: [Redacted]
To: Edward Giallella <egialell@courts.state.ny.us>
Date: 7/8/2011 5:33 PM
Subject: [Redacted]

Ed,

I am sorry that I didn't get a chance to come over and thank you and shake your hand after graduation and the court proceeding. Please know that we are most appreciative of everything you have done for [Redacted] over the past couple of years. It had been a long road, but knowing that there are people like yourself and the rest of the Drug Court Team, did give us hope.

Please extend our sincere appreciation to Judge Iliou and the rest of the Drug Court team, you will forever be in our thoughts.