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DISTRICT OF HAWAII

Dear Judge Kobayashi,

Thank you for granting me the opportunity to update you on my progress to find legal representation.

As I stated in my previous letter I do not know what to do because I am not an attorney and cannot afford one. The main reason is because the majority of my monthly pension is used to pay my restitution. This court ordered obligation places a hardship on me because I am falling behind on paying my bills and trying to avoid bankruptcy.

About a month ago I contacted Ms. Megan Faw for her assistance. She said she could not represent me because she had a conflict of interest in this case. She was also unable to provide me with any referrals.

I am doing my best in prison to rehabilitate myself by helping other inmates here at Shekidan. I work in the education division as a tutor to help inmates earn their G.E.D. In addition, I volunteer in the prison's Christian Ministry program as an elder. My role involves delivering the sermon on a regular basis during Sunday service and talking to inmates who are having a difficult time adjusting to prison life.

Over the past two years in prison, I have reflected on the situation that landed me in prison. I realize I should have done more to stop the situation from escalating to the point that it did. My lack of judgement has cost me almost everything I have worked for all of my life.

I want the court to know I am not in default because I want to be or as an act of rebellion. I defaulted because I was overwhelmed and did not know how to respond to what was being asked of me.

In closing, I am doing my best to redeem myself and at the mercy of the court. I am asking for your help and appreciate any assistance you can provide.

Sincerely,  
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