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Mrs. Eve Sterry
2045 Monroe Street
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Dear Mrs. Sterry:

In the **December 18, 1963** edition of the Redwood City Tribune, and the December 18, 1963 edition of the Belmont Courier-Bulletin, there appeared a letter written by you, which by its contents inferred unethical and unprofessional conduct by me, requiring a grand jury investigation.

The charge made by you is unfair and unfounded in fact. Bellshore corporation was formed on February 20, 1953. The legal work of setting up the corporation was performed by a law firm consisting of Michael Aaronson and Melvin E. Cohn, who maintained offices at 1564 Laurel Street, San Carlos, California. In the course of organizing the new corporation they became its temporary directors and officers and remained so for a period of a few months. Melvin E. Cohn held all of the stock of the corporation in escrow. This is a routine procedure that is followed in the creation and establishment of a new corporation. It is also a common practice in the establishment of small corporations to use the address of the law firm performing its legal work, as the address of its principal office. Since April, 1954, neither Michael Aaronson nor Melvin E. Cohn, nor any member of their law firm have performed any legal services or received any remuneration from the Bellshore Corporation. At no time did either Michael Aaronson or Melvin E. Cohn have any financial interest in the **Bellshore Corporation** other than for legal fees for services rendered.

I became associated with the firm of Aaronson & Cohn in 1957, and became a member of the firm in 1960. At no time since my association with the firm have I, or any member of my firm, had any dealings with the Bellshore corporation.

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The Redwood City Tribune carried a news article at the time of the hearing before the City Council and referred to a charge made by someone at the hearing that the applicant's address was the same as my law firm. At the conclusion of the article, however, the paper stated that upon its own independent investigation it learned that I was not even associated in any way at that time with this law firm. In view of the foregoing, and the fact that you made no attempt whatsoever to contact me, or anyone in my office, or anyone else to my knowledge, to make a reasonable investigation of the facts, but have deliberately written and distributed these irresponsible letters published by the above named newspapers, I can only conclude that you have written them for the deliberately malicious purpose of damaging me in my reputation, character and professional standing.

I request and demand that you write an appropriate letter to the editors of the above named newspapers for publication retracting the unfair and unfounded charges made by you and setting forth your apology. In the event that you fail to comply with this request, I shall have no alternative but to seek redress by the legal remedies that are available to me.

Very truly yours,


KENNETH M. DICKERSON

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