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Dear Ms. Kohman:

I have reviewed the letter which you sent to James B. Gottstein dated January 31, 2005 in which you accuse him of the unauthorized practice of law.

It is sad to me that you would exist without conscience about the important human rights issues that exist in psychiatric facilities around the nation.

According to your definition, if Mr. Gottstein advocated for a hamburger joint in Montana to hold the lettuce for a psych patient that would constitute "practice of law".

Your accusation is patently absurd and exposes the underlying defensiveness in your posture which destabilizes your credibility. Simply, not all advocacy on earth is "practice of law".

Having a little sister with a similar position as you in another state, I know that there is no need for the lack of compassion that you show towards your client's patients.

Am I practicing "law" in pointing out your callousness toward patients and their lives or how you let psychiatric staff push you around? I don't think so. I'm practicing humanity.

There is no reason for attorneys, such as yourself, who are practicing law, i.e. appearing before the Court, to abandon the practice of humanity. Who is the lawyer, you or staff?

Please reflect on your responsibilities as an attorney in Montana and what you bring before the Court, and as a human being on this earth. You degrade the Court with your inhumanity.

Sincerely,


Michael Haan, J.D.

cc: James B. Gottstein