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April 26, 2016

The Honorable Luis Olivera,
Cumberland County District Court
117 Dick St #427
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Dear Judge Olivera,

This letter of admiration and appreciation comes to you from our professional society that has as its core mission to provide training and expertise to therapists for the treatment of complex traumatic stress all over the world. Our Society has membership of over 1300 clinicians from 36 countries. We work with survivors of war, natural disaster, child abuse, sex trafficking as well as other forms of profound and severe traumatic stress.

In staying in the cell with that veteran, you upheld the legal expectations that you had to fulfill, and went beyond that to provide the most basic and important sense of safety and security to this intensely traumatized warrior who had faithfully served his country. We are all touched at the core of our being at the fundamental care and respect that you so generously provided to him. While there are times that the tasks that we try to accomplish seem overwhelming, your shining example of brotherhood and community helps to give all of us hope that we can make a difference.

On behalf of the entire society of the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation, our Board of Directors would like to thank you and commend you for your service to our legal system, to our wounded veterans, and to humanity. You are truly Your Honor.

Sincerely,

Warwick Middleton, MB BS, FRANZCP, MD
President