



June 29, 2010

Mr. William R. Keating
Norfolk District Attorney
Norfolk District Attorney's Office
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Dear District Attorney Keating,

On behalf of our son [REDACTED], we want to thank you and your staff for the exemplary job that they did in bringing [REDACTED] to justice earlier this month. Attorney George Papachristos worked very hard on this case for the families. He demonstrated to us that he is beyond dedicated to his work and to the people that he serves. Attorney Papachristos fought hard for us and we are very pleased with the sentencing and particularly the strict terms of [REDACTED] future probation.

We wanted you to know that we were impressed by the care that your office took during each step in the process, from discovery to the preparation of Victim Impact Statements. [REDACTED] kept us informed and was available to us in a very professional and compassionate way.

We recognize that their job is not an easy one. Therefore, we wanted you to know that they have secured our trust and confidence in the judicial system. With God's grace, [REDACTED] will learn to internalize consequence while incarcerated, and be able to live within the boundaries of his probation once he is out.

In the meantime, I hope that dedicated staff like George Papchristos and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] can continue to do the important work that they do for families such as ours. We wanted you to know how grateful we are for their perseverance in the case and their kindness to us personally.

Respectfully, and most gratefully,



Parents of the late [REDACTED]

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April 27, 2011


Honorable Michael Morrissey
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Re: George Papachristos

Dear Mike:

I did not get a chance to talk to you at the Seminar at Norfolk Superior Court yesterday. But I did hear your comments about how you wanted your assistants to treat the defense bar and the public. I wanted to let you know that I recently had a very difficult and emotional Motor Vehicle Homicide case with ADA George Papachristos. This was a case that involved a husband whose wife of 50 years was killed in the accident. While I strongly disagreed with even the prosecution of the husband, I can only compliment the way the case was handled by Mr. Papachristos. He handled the case with great sensitivity to the tragedy that this entire family was enduring. He went out of his way to convey his sympathies to the defendant and the family and treated the defendant with great dignity.

If one of the hallmarks of your office is to hire Assistant District Attorneys who represent the office well and respect the public, you have made a good start with Mr. Papachristos. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

William F. Sullivan



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June 25, 2011

District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey
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Dear District Attorney Morrissey,

As the State Coordinator of the Massachusetts Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your office, in particular Assistant District Attorney (ADA) George Papachristos for an outstanding job prosecuting the recent case in Dedham Superior Court, Comm. Vs. [REDACTED]

George spent many many hours researching this case and researching the DEC Program in particular. He spent many hours interviewing all of the witnesses. He spent numerous hours with myself, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in regards to the testimony and the DEC Program. He also spent many hours with other attorneys while researching the defense's purported experts.

I believe that this is the first case in an upper level Massachusetts court that addressed and allowed the testimony of a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) and ruled that the DRE protocols do not have to meet the Daubert/Lanigan Standard. This is a big win for impaired driving prosecution in Massachusetts.

As I'm sure you know, impaired driving is a major problem in this state, as well as nationwide. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has concluded, through relatively recent research, that drug impaired driving is a much bigger problem that previously thought. NHTSA supports and funds the DEC Program throughout country. This case should bolster the efforts of the police, DREs, and Prosecutor's throughout the state.

Again, thank you for your continued support in prosecuting impaired drivers. And please give a big thanks to George for all of his hard work and perseverance. Without his dedication, this case may have had a much different result.

If I can be of any service in the future, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED] (ret.)

MA. State DEC Coordinator
Municipal Police Training Committee
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The Drug Evaluation and Classification Program is funded by, the Massachusetts EOPSS/Highway Safety Division.

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Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey
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May 20, 2011

Dear Mr. Morrissey,

My husband and I are sending you this letter to say a huge thank you to ADA George Papachristos and [REDACTED] Victim Advocate for the outstanding support and professionalism they displayed while working with my family during the preparation and trial of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was the driver of a vehicle where my son, [REDACTED], suffered serious bodily injury when [REDACTED] lost control of his vehicle.

My husband and I were somewhat discouraged with the legal system when almost three years had gone by before this case came to trial. I was in contact with the previous ADA, but when he left, there was a temporary vacuum of information coming our way. When we met with ADA George Papachristos and [REDACTED] in early April they went over the case and explained why it took so long to go to trial. During this meeting, they clearly showed their drive, determination and dedication to this case and their concerns for our family. They spent their valuable time to address our questions and went above and beyond our expectations of what we thought this meeting was going to be about. When we left that meeting, we felt really good about the case and the people that were representing our son.

During the next few weeks they were in constant contact with me and always let us know their concerns regarding this case. When the case actually was actually scheduled to go to trial, they went out of their way to be there for us and did everything humanly possible to make us feel comfortable during these difficult times. They introduced us to the witnesses who were going to testify on my son's behalf. Three of these witnesses were the first to arrive on the scene of the accident and actually saved our son's life. For the past few years we tried to find these individuals just to say thank you, and your staff made it possible. That meant the world to us, especially [REDACTED] who was able to personally thank the people who were instrumental in saving his life.

When the defendant and his attorney knew they didn't have a chance due to ADA Papachristos' countless hours of preparation which included, working weekends preparing for this case, [REDACTED] pleaded guilty. For this to happen, your staff went above and beyond to ensure the state was prepared for this trial. When I read the impact statement on behalf of my son [REDACTED] to the judge, ADA Papachristos and [REDACTED] were there by my side making this difficult task just a little easier. That truly meant the world to my family.

My husband and I needed to send this letter to let you know that you have two very special individuals on your staff who really love their jobs and care for the people they represent. Please pass on our sincere appreciation for a job well done, and let them know they will always be in our hearts for what they did.

Sincerely,

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May 1, 2012

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RE: Norfolk County Bench Bar Spring Seminar

Dear George:

It was a pleasure meeting you on April 25, 2012. I thought you made an excellent presentation as part of the Joint Bench Bar Committee Seminar.

I am looking forward to working with you again. Thanks again for all your help.

Very truly yours,



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July 12, 2011

District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey
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District Attorney Michael Morrissey:

The purpose of this correspondence is to commend the actions of Assistant District Attorney George Papachristos in the trial of Commonwealth vs. [REDACTED] in Dedham Superior Court. The defendant in this case was arrested in the Town of [REDACTED] for the following: operating under the influence of drugs while causing serious bodily injury, negligent operation of a motor vehicle and child endangerment while OUI. The arrest occurred after the defendant struck two pedestrians walking in a cross walk upon leaving church. ADA Papachristos successfully had the defendant indicted on these charges, and after a two week trial, a jury of twelve convicted Mr. Kaizer of all charges. Subsequently, the defendant was sentenced to two and a half years in the house of corrections, with five years of supervised probation from and after by Judge [REDACTED]

This case was not a typical Operating under the Influence case. This is because this case involved a defendant who was impaired by medications prescribed by a doctor, and it also involved the use of a Drug Recognition Expert as a witness. Although many would consider prosecuting such a case too daunting a task, ADA Papachristos rose to the challenge and not only successfully convicted the defendant, but was able to get the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Program recognized in this court. In addition, he got this officer to be recognized as an expert in the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test. It is my understanding that this is the first time the DRE program has been recognized by a Massachusetts Superior Court Judge, and also the first time a police officer has been recognized as an expert in the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test in a Massachusetts Superior Court.

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From my first introduction to ADA Papachristos, I was impressed with his determination to prosecute such a difficult case. Despite its' challenges, one of which was the fact that the DRE Program has never been recognized in a Massachusetts Superior Court, ADA Papachristos promised to do whatever he needed to successfully prosecute this case. I can attest that ADA Papachristos went above and beyond to ensure justice was served. Despite handling a full case load, ADA Papachristos took it upon himself to learn the DRE program, the performance and the effectiveness of the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test, as well as the intricate pieces of the DRE evaluation that was conducted on the defendant.

Throughout his preparation for this trial, ADA Papachristos often contacted this officer on weekends and late at night to clarify any questions he had about the DRE program. Not only did ADA Papachristos put in an exuberant amount of hours to prepare this trial, he was not afraid to seek assistance in learning something that was completely foreign to him. It was this self taught knowledge of the DRE program that allowed ADA Papachristos to get the DRE program recognized, and this officer recognized as an expert in the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test by this court. This pre-trial preparation also gave ADA Papachristos the confidence and the ability to successfully cross exam the defense's nationally recognized toxicology expert who was brought in to refute the reliability of the DRE program and the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus as well as to attack the DRE evaluation itself and the toxicology results. Without proper preparation and his extensive knowledge of the DRE program, ADA Papachristos would not have been successful in refuting the claims made by the defense's expert witness.

In closing, it was an honor to work with ADA Papachristos on this trial. His dedication to the pre-trial preparation, the amount of hours spent learning the DRE program, and his determination to obtain a guilty verdict from the jury is a testament to the professional and dedicated prosecutor that ADA Papachristos is. Although there were many hurdles present in this case, ADA Papachristos never lost sight of getting justice for the victims of this accident. It was his strong work ethic, determination, and professionalism which lead to a conviction. It is for the reasons above, that I believe ADA Papachristos should be commended for his actions in this trial.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

[REDACTED]