

Dear Sen. Edwards,

The other day I received a phone call from a member of your staff soliciting a donation for the upcoming campaign. I did make a contribution at a fundraiser for you in Buffalo in Feb. 2003 and still have a nice picture of you and I from that event.

I hesitate in making a contribution to your campaign at this time until a certain question is cleared up.

It appears that you have endorsed one of my competitors, Forge Consulting. While your endorsement may or may not have been for structured settlement services, you may not be aware that Forge Consulting is using it on a wholesale basis for the purposes of selling regulated insurance products and investments. It is my concern and that of others in my industry that plaintiffs, like those you once represented, may be led to believe that you are a current customer of Forge and therefore be influenced to do business with Forge. My blog post of March 9, 2007 lays out the issue.

http://structuredsettlements.typepad.com/structured_settlements_4r/2007/03/doubts_continue.html

If you indeed did give the endorsement because you actually used and are currently using Forge Consulting for structured settlement services please confirm same. If you are not then please request that Forge Consulting cease using your name in such solicitations in its marketing.

The entire structured settlement industry is aware of this issue and the appearance of your name in connection with Forge Consulting solicitations and is watching.

I realize this may be something small given what you have on your plate at this moment, but an answer would be appreciated.

I wish you luck in your campaign and have said a prayer for Elizabeth. God Bless.

Kind regards,

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