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California Supreme Court  
Earl Warren Building  
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Re: People of the State of California v. Paul Wesley Baker  
Supreme Court of California Case No. S170280  
Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. LA045977-01  
Our File No. 5166

To Whom It May Concern:

At oral argument, appellant will focus on the following issues: The *Sanchez/Crawford* issue addressed in (i) the supplemental briefs filed in June 2020, and in (ii) Argument V.H. of the Opening Brief. The argument headings for those arguments are:

THE ADMISSION OF PREJUDICIAL EXCLUDABLE CASE-SPECIFIC TESTIMONIAL HEARSAY REQUIRES REVERSAL

And:

THE TRIAL COURT PREJUDICIALLY ERRED WHEN, OVER APPELLANT'S OBJECTIONS, IT ALLOWED DR. STAUB TO TESTIFY REGARDING THE DNA REPORTS OF OTHERS AND ADMITTED THOSE HEARSAY REPORTS INTO EVIDENCE IN VIOLATION OF APPELLANT'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS UNDER THE SIXTH AMENDMENT

Appellant will also focus on the *Witherspoon/Witt* issue addressed in Argument V.C. of the Opening Brief. The argument heading for the argument is:

TWO PROSPECTIVE JURORS WITH PHILOSOPHICAL AND/OR MORAL RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY WERE ERRONEOUSLY EXCLUDED UNDER THE *WITHERSPOON-WITT* STANDARD REQUIRING REVERSAL OF THE PENALTY VERDICTS

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

JOHN F. SCHUCK LAW OFFICE

/s/

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