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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Spencer Shields and I am a trial attorney in Kansas City. In 2009 I prosecuted a chiropractic medical malpractice claim against a local chiropractic physician who had manipulated my client's lumbar spine, allegedly resulting in a rupture of my client's L4/L5 lumbar disc. My client required emergency surgery to repair the ruptured disc.

Violations of standard of care were alleged against chiropractor Thomas Etter, D.C., and defended vigorously by his defense counsel and insurer, NCMIC. I retained the services of James Edwards, D.C. of Austin, Texas to review the file on behalf of plaintiff.

Dr. Edwards was prompt in his review of the file and prepared a professional report addressing the treating chiropractor's shortcomings in both his course of treatment and record keeping. Dr. Edwards was instrumental in preparing the allegations of fault against the treating chiropractor, and during the course of discovery, he and his office staff were accommodating during the discovery process. During his discovery deposition conducted by defense counsel, I found Dr. Edwards to be very knowledgeable on the issues in the case and he vigorously defended the positions of the plaintiff with support and reference to the record. He stood his ground during a vigorous and lengthy cross-examination by defense counsel, obviously designed to test Dr. Edwards' zeal for the case.

The case was tried to a jury of twelve in January 2010. Dr. Edwards traveled to Kansas City as scheduled and appeared for live testimony before the jury. A successful plaintiff's verdict was achieved in large part due to Dr. Edwards' work and testimony. In speaking with the jurors afterwards, they found Dr. Edwards to be honest and trustworthy in his review and opinions. Overall, I will not hesitate working with Dr. Edwards in the future and I recommend his services to other counsel looking for expert review and testimony.

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