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Joseph Rhine, Esq.
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Re: Your Client Paul John Alonte To
Our File No. L98-1086

Dear Mr. Rhine:

This office represents California State Polytechnic University, Pomona and in that regard I have been asked to respond to your May 29, 1998 letter to President Bob H. Suzuki regarding your client, Paul John Alonte To.

As you indicate in your letter, Mr. To has been diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome which can result in vocal tics, barks and commentaries. When the symptoms of this syndrome resulted in disruption in a math class taught by Dr. Bernard Banks, Dr. Banks consulted with Disabled Student Services (DSS) on the campus regarding a possible solution to the problem. As a result, an agreement was reached by all parties, including Mr. To, whereby Dr. Banks scheduled an extra office hour each week just to be available to Mr. To; Mr. To took his quizzes in the hallway outside Dr. Banks' office and his tests at DSS; Dr. Banks audiotaped his classes for Mr. To and Dr. Banks asked two students to take notes for Mr. To.

Accordingly, Mr. To was not "expelled" from his math class taught by Dr. Banks as alleged in your letter. Further, the University does not view Dr. Banks' actions as warranting disciplinary action. Rather, both Dr. Banks' and DSS's actions were good faith efforts to insure that Mr. To was able to pursue his educational objectives. In this regard, Mr. To completed the course and received a grade of B.

Sincerely,

LINDA S. MacALLISTER
University Counsel

cc: Dr. Debra Brum
Dr. Bernard Banks
Mr. John Hanna
Ms. Christine Rodriguez