

Hilton

San Diego Airport/Harbor Island

April 29, 2002

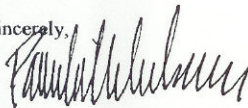
Judith Fisher, Esq.
Natalia Bartels, Esq.
UNDERWRITERS AT INTEREST
c/o KAUFMAN, BORGEEEST & RYAN
747 Third Avenue
New York, NY 10017:

As you know, I have worked with Peter Downey @ Schrieffer & Downey, LLP over the past several years. Mr. Downey and his firm have represented Hilton San Diego Airport/Harbor Island in two complex litigation matters.

In our working relationship, Mr. Downey has consistently proven to be an aggressive, yet efficient litigation attorney who conscientiously resolves matters in a cost-effective manner. I have been very pleased with both the file handling and the results obtained by Mr. Downey in the cases that we have had the pleasure of working on together. I do not believe that we would have obtained the same successful results without Mr. Downey's invaluable assistance.

As unpleasant as litigation can be, I would like to thank you for appointing Peter Downey at Schrieffer & Downey, LLP to represent our interests throughout these matters. Please feel free to contact me at the number listed in my letterhead below if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Pamela L. Richardson, CHA
General Manager