Dispute Resolution Institute

Math Tutor's Attorney

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FOR MATH TUTOR'S ATTORNEY

The managing partner has asked you to help out one of her best friends from college, a math professor who is still a very dear friend. She is a big shot faculty member at one of the local universities and has been contacted by someone in the White House about putting together some kind of math project.

The managing partner is headed off to write a book on the criminal justice system and does not want to be disturbed – in fact, her location is a secret. She did not have a chance to give you many details before she left, but she texted you the following:

Client is Roma Neejan – very well-known math professor who has been interviewed by Rolling Stone magazine and has published really cool stuff in Acta Mathmatica and elsewhere. That's right – Acta Mathmatica! She is a big deal so please treat her with the proper respect. Heads up – she expects a lot from lawyers. She will explain what she wants in this deal. After meeting with the client, you then will meet with counsel for other side in preliminary negotiations.

Not sure about the project but it involves some local police officer. I do not know much about him except that he has some sort of White House connection. Professor Neejan wants to do some sort of deal with him and have it clear and professional. That's where you come in. You probably also ought to get some sort of assurance that this White House business is real.

See what you can do about her pay for this job – make sure she is happy and well compensated.

One thing – don't worry about getting to a deal today – this is just to try to figure out what each side hopes to accomplish (hence, preliminary negotiations). We can put together the specific terms down the road, as needed. Much more important today to take time and identify all of the issues, etc. Don't want to miss stuff.

For that reason, go ahead and bring the client to the negotiations – just to make sure we get a full view of what matters here.

Good luck.