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RE: Letter from Rosenblatt re: tobacco case

Dear Dean Leyasmeyer:

Russell passed along your letter from Mr. Rosenblatt, an attorney in search of someone to testify on his class action case in Florida. I think you know that I am working with the lawyers in the Mississippi class action case against the tobacco companies. The lawyers involved are much more knowledgeable about the field and were able to identify the experts that they wanted to work with. Rosenblatt's presumably mass mail-out soliciting help from deans of schools of public health indicates a lack of familiarity with the field. The intemperance of his language and his personal crusade indicate personalities with which it would be uncomfortable to work.

I would recommend no reply or to punt deep in the no return zone.

Cordially,

Henry (MB)

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