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Subject Proposed Evidence Rules, attn. Peter McCabe

Dear Mr. McCabe:

I believe I will submit a written comment in connection with the proposed amendment to Fed. R. Evid. 804(b)(3), which address a topic that has long been of interest to me. I think I might also like to testify at the public hearing in Atlanta -- but we are within the 30-day window for that. Is this an inflexible rule, or may I still testify?

Thanks, and best wishes for a wonderful new year.

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Subject Request to Testify

Professor Friedman

Peter McCabe asked me to respond to your request to testify at the January 26, 2009, public hearing in Atlanta on proposed amendments to Evidence Rule 804. As you noted, the time period within which to make the request has expired. Because no request had been submitted to testify within the time deadline, the public hearing was cancelled. The deadline to submit written comments expires on February 17, 2009.

The advisory committee will meet in Washington, DC, on April 23-24 The committee will discuss the comments submitted on the proposed amendments and consider whether to recommend that it be transmitted to the Standing Committee for approval. The meeting is open to the public, and you are welcome to attend

John