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## VIA EFS

The Honorable Kevin Eide Judge of the District Court Carver County Justice Center 604 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street Chaska, MN 55318

## Re: In re the Estate of Prince Rogers Nelson Court File No. 10-PR-16-46

Dear Judge Eide:

I write in response to Mr. Cassioppi's letter to the court regarding the Court's inquiry on the October 31 telephone conference as to whether a facilitator/mediator would be beneficial in resolving the communication issues between Comerica and the heirs. We met with Mr. Cassioppi on Monday in an attempt to work through the issues concerning Comerica's non-disclosure agreement with Sharon, Norrine, and John's business manager and advisor, Mr. McMillan. At that meeting, we had a very brief discussion regarding the Court's inquiry, but did not reach any agreement. I also asked Mr. Cassioppi multiple times if Comerica could identify any candidates to fill the facilitator/mediator role that he described. He was unwilling to identify any.

Having now considered the issue, and being mindful of the Court's concerns, my clients are worried that the appointment of a facilitator/mediator regarding communication issues will require the Estate to incur substantial additional expense with little benefit. However, my clients agree that a mediator/facilitator may be useful in resolving the non-disclosure agreement issue. I suggested a number of choices on November 1, but Comerica has yet to confirm whether any are acceptable or propose alternatives. If we are unable to reach an agreement on the terms of the non-disclosure agreement by November 13, 2017, my clients request that the Court appoint a mediator/facilitator solely to resolve the non-disclosure agreement issue.

Sincerely, SKOLNICK & JOYCE, P.A. William R. Skolnick

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