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May 26, 2005

The Honorable Mike McCarter  
Montana Workers' Compensation Court  
PO Box 537  
Helena, MT 59624-0537

Dear Judge McCarter:

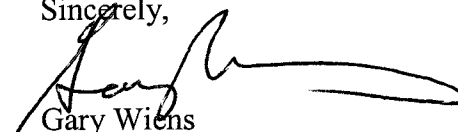
Thank you for your presentation and answering my questions on Common Fund litigation as part of the Putman and Associates' Workers' Compensation Awareness Workshop yesterday in Kalispell. It recently came to my attention that we missed a deadline for responding to a summons served to us on one Common Fund case, *Hiett v. Missoula County Public Schools*.

Please accept my sincerest apologies and regrets for not having responded in time. Although this is not an excuse, we are a very small office and apparently this summons was received here via regular mail in our Great Falls office while I was working in Helena during the 2005 session of the Montana Legislature. Since learning of this oversight, I have put in place procedures to prevent such oversights from recurring. One action I have taken is to provide your office with my electronic mail address so that I do not miss any future legal notices or summonses. That address is: [gwiens@sofast.net](mailto:gwiens@sofast.net).

In view of this situation and efforts I have taken to act immediately as soon as it came to my attention, I respectfully ask if you would please grant us forgiveness for missing this deadline and allow us an extension of time to respond. I greatly respect your court and I will do everything I can to ensure I do not miss any future requests.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Gary Wiens  
METSPool Administrator

