

Nov. 22, 2009

Judge Gary Oxenhandler  
Boone County Courthouse  
705 E. Walnut Street  
Columbia, MO 65205

Your Honor –

Please allow me to apologize for my neglecting court rules on Thursday, Oct. 22, during the William Clinch trial.

Rules and laws are in place for good reason, and I understand that photographing the jury is prohibited in order to protect the jurors' identities. This was a rule I should not have violated. The mistake I made could have been costly to the trial's outcome and the jurors' security, and for that I am deeply sorry.

I would like to thank you for extending an additional opportunity to rewrite and resend my original letter of apology. My intent was never to rationalize but rather to clarify, but I now understand how and why my letter and apology were found unsatisfactory. Please consider this letter you now hold as my taking advantage of that additional opportunity.

Thank you for reading this second letter. I have learned from my mistakes, and I will not commit the same (or similar) errors again. I hope you will accept my apology.

Sincerely,

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