# PART IV EXHIBITS AND STIPULATIONS

#### **EXHIBITS**

- An <u>exhibit</u> consists of documentary or physical evidence that has been formally introduced into an arbitration hearing by an advocate.
- **Evidence** is something that is offered either through an exhibit or through testimony for admission at a hearing. It is introduced through these means by an advocate for the purpose of using that evidence to persuade the arbitrator that advocate's argument, their theory of the case, is accurate and should believed and accepted by the arbitrator.

#### **■** There Are Two Types of Evidence

- → Direct evidence.
- Circumstantial evidence.

#### ■ <u>Direct And/or Circumstantial Evidence Can Be Offered in Any of Three Ways:</u>

- → **Testimony** Direct examination and cross examination of a witness.
- → **Documents** Entered as exhibits.
- → Physical Entered as an exhibit, or viewed on site by an arbitrator.

#### ■ Select Possible Documents to Be Used as Exhibits While:

- → Preparing the case.
- → Preparing the witnesses.
- Best Evidence Rule In regards to an exhibit, this rule calls for the original document.

#### ■ Problem Areas Where this Rule May Be Applied:

- → Illegible documents, poor copies.
- → Summaries or compilations.
- → Doubt as to the legitimacy of a document.
- → Belief that a document may contain errors.

## **INTRODUCING EXHIBITS**

### As a Joint Exhibit at the Beginning of the Hearing:

- → Legitimate document on its face, e.g. handbook language.
- → May not agree on relevance or application.
- → If not comfortable with a document as joint exhibit, it is acceptable as a management exhibit (with no foundation).

#### As a Union Exhibit:

- ✔ Prepare list of documents and each witness who will be used to introduce it:
  - → Call witness
  - → Lay foundation
  - → Have four copies (use folder) you, witDESS, AREITRATOR, COUNTERPRET

#### Possible Objections:

- → No foundation
- → Best evidence
- → Relevance
- → Hearsay
- **▶** VOIR DIRE "to speak to the truth."

#### **JOINT STIPULATIONS**

**Joint Stipulation** - An agreement between advocates, a "meeting of the minds", in regards to a particular element of an arbitration hearing:

- Framing of the Issue A joint agreement as to the specific dispute. that is being placed before the arbitrator for a decision.
- Jointly Stipulated Remedy The advocates may mutually agree as to the specific remedy that the arbitrator should apply if the arbitrator decides the issue in favor of the Union.
- Jointly Stipulated Facts The advocates may agree that certain matters can be taken as proven. If the advocates do jointly stipulate to a fact, then the arbitrator will accept that fact as evidence that has been <u>conclusively proved!</u>
  - If an advocate believes that a fact is in dispute, then that advocate would **not** agree to a joint stipulation of that particular fact.
  - All joint stipulations are usually put in writing and jointly signed by the advocates.
- Joint Exhibit Such an exhibit is <u>not</u> a joint stipulation of fact. It is a document (or physical evidence) that the advocates mutually agree is authentic, genuine, has an undisputed origin, and is relevant to the dispute before the arbitrator. A joint exhibit simply represents an agreement between the advocates that no testimonial foundation has to be established by a witness in order for this exhibit to become part of the arbitration record.

## Reasons for an Experienced Advocate to Cautiously Consider a Joint Stipulation of Fact:

- → To expedite the arbitration hearing
- → To possibly lead to a settlement of the grievance
- → To reduce the number of witnesses necessary (joint stipulations as to what a witness would testify to if called).

- Even if there are joint stipulations of fact, the advocate must still <u>argue</u> as to how each stipulated fact impacts on the dispute, is relevant to the issue.
- On <u>rare occasions</u> in disciplinary cases an experienced advocate may stipulate to the accuracy of the specific written charges contained in the notice of discipline because:
- The advocate intends only to argue that mitigating circumstances should reduce the disciplinary penalty that was imposed.
- The advocate seeks to avoid the opportunity for management witnesses to provide direct testimony in regards to the incident that resulted in the discipline that is damaging, colorful, and/or emotional.

## Warning Joint Stipulations to Facts and/or Charges Can Be Hazardous to Your Health!

- Advocate can inadvertently <u>"stipulate away"</u> their cases.
- Also, a great deal of time can be wasted by the advocates as they try to agree on what facts might be stipulated to and how the facts should be stated.

# INTRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

There are several steps for the introduction of documentary evidence which may be summarized as follows:

- Step 1: Have the document marked as an exhibit for identification by the arbitrator.

  Step 2: Give the opposing advocate a copy of the document.

  Step 3: Show the witness the document.

  Step 4: Ask the witness to examine the document.

  Step 5: Ask the witness to identify the document.
- **Step 6:** Offer the exhibit into evidence(if not already marked, request that the arbitrator mark it now)
- **Step 7**: If there is no objection or the objection is overruled, the arbitrator then admits the exhibit into evidence.

Note: If the advocate highlights the arbitrator's copy, he or she must highlight management's copy.

## **EXHIBITS**

ENTER AS?	WHAT IS IT?	BRING IN THROUGH?	RELEVANCE?
Joint Exhibit (JE) Employer Exhibit (EE) Union Exhibit (UE)	Tell what it is in competent terms	Agreement or appropriate person	Needed fact
	EX	AMPLES	
JE	СВА	Joint Agreement	Establishes Right
JE	Moving Papers	Joint Agreement	Grievance Chain
JE - UE - EE	Handbook Cites	Agreement or Competent Witness	Applicable work rule or regulation
UE	Request for information	Requester	Suppressed evidence/ adverse inference or relevant fact(s)
EE	SOP	Issuer or Competent Witness	Local practice or procedure

## **EXHIBIT EXERCISE**

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1. Arb. Scheduling Letter	<u> </u>		
2. Appeal to Arbitration			
3. Step 3 Decision			
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5. Additions & Corrections	<u>/</u>		
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9. 14-Day Suspension			
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11. Grievant's Statement	<del></del>		
12. 03/27/96 Med. Doc.			
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INSTRUCTIONS: Indicate with a check mark whether you believe the exhibit should be moved into evidence as a joint exhibit, union exhibit or management exhibit.



January 10, 1997

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Pursuant to Article 15, Section 4, B.2, of the 1990 National Agreement, the following arbitration case(s) has been scheduled before this arbitrator on the Regular Regional Arbitration Panel. The hearing will begin at 9:00 a.m. on March 18, 1997 at the postal facility located at 525 ROYAL PARKWAY

NASHVILLE, TN.

H94C-1H-D 96062519 22796G3

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Where more than one case is scheduled at a location, cases will be heard in the order listed unless the parties mutually agree to present the cases in a different order.

This letter does not constitute a waiver by either party of any issue of arbitrability or timeliness as it relates to the processing of the grievances, as it merely serves to confirm to the arbitrator the location, date and time, pursuant to the terms of Article 15, Section 4,B.2 of the 1990 National Agreement and the back-up case(s) pursuant to Article 15, Section 4,A.4 of the 1990 National Agreement.

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Labor Relations Specialist

Southeast Area Office

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#### APPEAL TO ARBITRATION

#### American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO

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Regional Director of

Employee and Labor Relations

SOUTHEAST AREA OFFICE

USPS

Memphis, TN 38166

Dear Sir :

Please be advised that pursuant to Article 15 Sections 2 and 4 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement I have authorized and hereby appeal the below referenced case to arbitration.

, National Executive Board Moe Biller

President

William Burrus Executive Vice President

Douglas C. Holbrook Secretary-Treasurer

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T L Tunstall or. Clerk Division

James W. Ungberg Director, Maintenance Division

Robert C Pritchard Director, MVS Division

George N. McKeitnen Director, SDM Division GRIEVANT: CLERK

NASHVILLE LOCAL#(0005), APWU

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ARTICLE 016.

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Coordinator, as authorized by

President Morris Biller



A.P.W.U.

July 15, 1996

Mr. Mike Morris

Southeast Area Grievance

National Business Agent

Appeal No. H94C-1H 96062519

American Postal Workers'

05/16/96

Union, AFL-CIO

Local No.

Dated:

22796G3

Subject:

Step 3 Grievance Decision

NASHVILLE TN

Provision Allegedly Violated: 16.5000

Dear Mr. Morris:

After considering all available evidence in the record and that offered by the union at the Step 3D hearing on 06/13/96, it is my decision to deny the grievance.

The grievant has a history of unsatisfactory attendance. Her undependability can no longer be tolerated. She has fail to respond to all previous corrective actions. The notice of removal is proper and for just cause.

Labor Relations Specialist

District Office cc:

TENNESSEE

Postmaster

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37421-9998

## AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS UNION, AFL-CIO

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STEP 3
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PPEAL FORM

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Nashville, Tennessee, Local Clerk Craft Grievant: Ann C. Pierce Local Grievance #22796G3 May 13, 1996

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attend her prescribed meetings due to heavy mail volume. Soon after this the grievant relapsed and missed work on February 10-12, 1996.

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The Union contends that the "Last Chance Agreement" offered the grievant was done merely to circumvent past practice in the Nashville Post Office to offer "Last Chance Agreements" to employees facing discharge, unless charged with theft or selling drugs. There is disparate treatment between what Clerk Hinds was offered and what the grievant was offered under similar circumstances. The Notice of Removal is punitive in nature, rather than corrective, procedurally defective, and the grievant received disparate treatment. Therefore, we respectfully request the Line 13 of the Step 2 Grievance Appeal Form be sustained.

step 3 appear (p.2)

#### ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

#### GRIEVANCE # 22796G3

THE GRIEVANT WAS OFFERED A "LAST CHANCE AGREEMENT" DURING THE COURSE OF DISCUSSION OF THIS GRIEVANCE AT STEP TWO. THE OFFER CONSISTED OF THE GRIEVANT, AT HER OWN EXPENSE, BEING OBLIGED TO RESIDE IN A CERTIFIED TREATMENT CENTER FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR, WITH NO REIMBURSEMENT OF LOST WAGES.

APWU CONTENDS THAT THE "LAST CHANCE AGREEMENT" IS UNREALISTIC AND UNACHIEVABLE. WHEN A TYPICAL 28 DAY TREATMENT PROGRAM COSTS AROUND \$5000.00, IT IS LOGICAL TO PROJECT THAT THE COST OF A YEAR LONG PROGRAM WOULD EXCEED \$50,000. THE GRIEVANT DOES NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO PAY FOR SUCH A PROGRAM. THE GRIEVANT HAS EXHAUSTED HER SUBSTANCE ABUSE BENEFITS IN HER HEALTH PLAN, THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE HARBOURS CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROGRAM, BEGINNING IN APRIL, 1995, THROUGH THE PRESENT.

THE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL MOST FAMILIAR WITH THE GRIEVANT'S CASE HISTORY, AND BEST IN POSITION TO DECIDE THE COURSE OF TREATMENT THE GRIEVANT SHOULD FOLLOW, IS THOMAS E. O'BRIEN, PRIMARY CASE MANAGER OF THE GRIEVANT'S TREATMENT PROGRAM AT THE HARBOURS. IN A LETTER DATED MARCH 27, HE STATES "A ONE YEAR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT INHOUSE AT THIS TIME IS NOT CLINICALLY INDICATED IN ORDER FOR HER TO MAINTAIN HER SOBRIETY."

AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE AFTERCARE PROGRAM AT THE HARBOURS IS THE WEDNESDAY EVENING MEETING AT THE FACILITY. DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, THE GRIEVANT WAS NOT GIVEN PERMISSION TO ATTEND HER PRESCRIBED MEETINGS, DUE TO HEAVY MAIL VOLUME. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THE GRIEVANT RELAPSED AND MISSED WORK ON JANUARY 10-12. APWU CONTENDS THAT THE POSTAL SERVICE'S FAILURE TO ALLOW THE GRIEVANT TO FOLLOW THE TREATMENT PROGRAM PRESCRIBED BY HER CASE MANAGER DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTED TO HER RELAPSE IN JANUARY, 1996.

APWU CONTENDS THAT THE "LAST CHANCE AGREEMENT" OFFERED TO THE GRIEVANT WAS DONE MERELY TO CIRCUMVENT PAST PRACTICE IN THE NASHVILLE POST OFFICE TO OFFER "LAST CHANCE AGREEMENTS" TO EMPLOYEES FACING DISCHARGE, UNLESS THE CHARGE IS THEFT OR SELLING DRUGS. THERE IS DISPARATE TREATMENT BETWEEN WHAT CLERK HINDS WAS OFFERED AND WHAT THE GRIEVANT WAS OFFERED IN THE LCA UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

JAMES M. GREIN DIRECTOR, CLERK CRAFT



April 29, 1996

James M. Grein Clerk Craft Director APWU P. O. Box 290033 Nashville, TN 37229-0033

Re: Step 2 Meeting

This is to confirm our Step 2 meeting for grievance 22796G3, the appellant being Ann Pierce, SSN 376-68-4479. Time limits were extended by mutual consent.

In an effort to resolve the issue, a proposed agreement was offered, however, it was rejected.

After full review of the record of the appellant and the alternatives that have been negotiated and provided her in the past, it is my decision to deny subject grievance. No violation of the collective bargaining agreement has occurred.

Claude Bates Plant Manager

cc: Grievance file 22796G3

## AMERICAN POSTAL WORKERS UNION, AFL-CIO

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STEP 2 GRIEVANCE APPEAL FORM

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February 6, 1996

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Ms. Clerk PL: 823

SSN:

Nashville, TN 37227-9998

SUBJECT:

Notice of Removal (Corrected)

You are hereby notified that you will be removed from the Postal Service on Friday, March 15, 1996, close of business. The reasons for this action are:

CHARGE 1. You are charged with Unsatisfactory Attendance and Undependability in Reporting for Duty as evidenced by the following absences:

DATES:	HOURS:
11/14/95	8.00 AWOL
11/15/95	8.00 USL
01/10/96	3.00 EAL
01/10/96	1.00 AWOL
01/11/96	8.00 AWOL
01/12/96	*8.00 USL

<sup>\*</sup>These absences were used in conjunction with your non-scheduled days and/or holiday.

You have been given ample opportunities to correct your attendance problems. There is little indication that you have made an effort to correct your attendance deficiencies. Your unscheduled absences create an undue hardship on the Postal Service in scheduling a replacement for your absences and, in some instances, overtime may be necessary. The Postal Service has the right to expect you to be regular in attendance. There is, therefore, just cause for this removal action.

Your actions are contrary to the Employee and Labor Relations Manual, Standards of Conduct, which states in part:

Part 511.41 - Unscheduled absences are any absences from work which are not requested and approved in advance.

Ms. Ann C. Pierce Notice of Removal February 6, 1996

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Part 511.43 - Employees are expected to maintain their assigned schedule and must make every effort to avoid unscheduled absences. In addition, employees must provide acceptable evidence for absences when required.

Part 666.81 - Employees are required to be regular in attendance.

In addition, the following elements of your past record have been considered in arriving at the decison to remove your:

On February 13, 1995, you were issued a 14-day suspension charging you with unsatisfactory attendance and undependability in reporting for duty.

You have the right to appeal this action under the grievance-arbitration procedure set forth in Article 15. Section 2, of the National Agreement within 14 days of your receipt of this notice.

If this action is reversed or modified following a grievance action, back pay may be allowed unless the appropriate award specifies otherwise, but only if you have made reasonable efforts to obtain alternate employment during the potential back pay period. The documentation which you must maintain and present should you later wish to support a back pay claim is described in Part 436 of the Employee and Labor Relations Manual.

Chester Edwards

Acting Supervisor, Distribution Operations

I RECEIVED THE ORIGINAL OF THIS LETTER ON

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Airport Mail Facility

Nashville, TN 37227-9998

February 13, 1995

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Ms.

Registry Clerk PL: 823

SSN: STORES

Nashville, TN 37227-9992

SUBJECT:

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF 14 DAYS

You are hereby notified that you will be suspended for a period of 14 calendar days beginning on February 27, 1995. You are to return to duty March 13, 1995. The reasons for this suspension are:

CHARGE 1:

You are charged with Unsatisfactory Attendance and

Undependability in Reporting for Duty/AWOL.

DATE:	HOURS:
10/24/94	*8.00 AWOL
01/13/95	3.00 AWOL
01/27/95	*8.00 AWOL

<sup>\*</sup>These absences were used in conjunction with your non-scheduled days and or holiday.

You have been given ample opportunities to correct your attendance problems. There is little indication that you have made an effort to correct your attendance deficiencies. Your unscheduled absences create an undue hardship on the Postal Service in scheduling a replacement for your absences and, in some instances, overtime may be necessary. The Postal Service has the right to expect you to be regular in attendance. There is, therefore, just cause for this suspension.

Your actions are contrary to the Employee and Labor Relations Manual, Standards of Conduct, which states in part as follows:

Ms. Ann C. Pierce 14-Day Suspension February 13, 1995

Page 2

Part 513.64 - An absence which is disapproved is charged as LWOP and may be administratively considered as AWOL.

Part 511.41 - Unscheduled absences are any absences from work which are not requested and approved in advance.

Part 511.43 - Employees are expected to maintain their assigned schedule and must make every effort to avoid unscheduled absences . . .

In addition, the following elements of your past record have been considered in arriving at this decision.

- 1. On March 18, 1994, you were issued a letter of warning for unsatisfactory attendance and undependability in reporting for duty.
- 2. On September 2, 1994, you were issued a 7-day suspension charging you with unsatisfactory attendance and undependability in reporting for duty.

You have the right to file a grievance under the grievance-arbitration procedure set forth in Article 15, Section 2, of the National Agreement within 14 days of receipt of this notice.

Chester Edwards

Acting Supervisor, Distribution Operations - AMC

I RECEIVED THE ORIGINAL OF THIS LETTER ON

SIGNATURE

TIME:

#### 511.3 Eligibility

#### 511.31 Covered

Covered by the leave program are:

- a. Full-time employees.
- b. Part-time regular employees.
- c. Part-time flexible employees.
- d. To the extent provided in the NRLCA Agreement, temporary employees assigned to rural carrier duties.

#### 511.32 Not Covered

Not covered by the leave program are:

- a. Postmaster relief/leave replacements, noncareer officers-in-charge, and other temporary employees except as in described in 511.31d above.
- b. Casual employees.
- c. Individuals who work on a fee or contract basis, such as job cleaners.

#### 511.4 Unscheduled Absence

#### 511.41 Definition

Unscheduled absences are any absences from work that are not requested and approved in advance.

#### 511.42 Management Responsibilities

To control unscheduled absences, postal officials:

- a. Inform employees of leave regulations.
- Discuss attendance records with individual employees when warranted.
- c. Maintain and review Forms 3972, Absence Analysis, and Forms 3971.

#### 511.43 Employee Responsibilities

Employees are expected to maintain their assigned schedule and must make every effort to avoid unscheduled absences. In addition, employees must provide acceptable evidence for absences when required.

#### 512 Annual Leave

#### 512.1 General

#### 512.11 Purpose

Annual leave is provided to employees for rest, recreation, and for personal and emergency purposes.

#### 666.8 Attendance

#### 666.81 Requirement for Attendance

Employees are required to be regular in attendance.

#### 666.82 Absence Without Permission

Employees failing to report for duty on scheduled days, including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, will be considered absent without leave except in actual emergencies which prevent obtaining permission in advance. In emergencies, the supervisor or proper official will be notified as soon as the inability to report for duty becomes apparent. Satisfactory evidence of the emergency must be furnished later. An employee who is absent without permission or fails to provide satisfactory evidence that an emergency existed will be placed in a nonpay status for the period of such absence. The absence will be reported to the appropriate authority.

#### 666.83 Tardiness

Any employee failing to report by the scheduled time when time recorders are not used is considered tardy. Tardiness in units or installations equipped with time recorders is defined as being any deviation from schedule.

#### 666.84 Falsification in Recording Time

Recording the time for another employee constitutes falsification of a report. Any employee knowingly involved in such a procedure is subject to removal or other discipline. Failure of a supervisor to report known late arrivals is regarded as condoning falsification.

#### 666.85 Incomplete Mail Disposition

It is a criminal act for anyone who has taken charge of any mail to quit voluntarily or desert the mail before making proper disposition.

#### 666.86 Disciplinary Action

Postal officials will take appropriate disciplinary measures to correct violations of these requirements.

#### 667 Legal Assistance Provided by the Postal Service

## Defense of Civil Suits Against Postal Service Employees Arising Out of Their Operation of Motor Vehicles

#### 667.11 Coverage

This section contains the procedure to be followed by Postal Service employees (hereby defined to include present and former employees or their estates) against whom a civil action for damage to property or for personal injury or death is brought, arising out of the employee's operation of a motor vehicle in the scope of that person's employment. Under the Federal Drivers Act (28 U.S.C. 2679(b)-(d)), employees who are found to have acted in the

In recording the events which led to my removal from the USPS on 3-15-96, I feel some backround information is pertinent. I have had a substance abuse problem for a few years. This led to my volunteering to go to the Harbours on 422-95 thru 5-12-95. After I completed this treatment program, I Continued to be involved in redovery by attaching their Aftercare program on Wednesday nights. In Outober 1995, I also started seeing Dr. Sam sells, a psychiatrist at landerbilt, who is treating me for depression. On Now, H, 1995 I had a short-lived relapse and missed a days of work. Closy Awal-logical Approximately I week later I was told by Chester Edwards (2048) that I would not be able to attend my mobile. Alternation mobiling for the to attend my weekly Afterdare meetings for the month of December. The heatic activity at the AMC during the christmas, rush warranted my puting my recovery on hold. I was told I could schedule by to strend them once again in Jan.

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Dr. sells had presented for me.

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I returned home the next morning and talked to Chester Edwards that day to tell him I needed one more day of SL and would be ball to work on Monday.

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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE
(For the purpose of filing for Unemployment Insurance Benefits)



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# THE HARBOURS

March 27, 1996

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

RE: Discussion

Ann was admitted to The Harbours on April 22, 1995 and was discharged on May 12, 1995. She successfully completed our treatment program and is attending our Aftercare Program on Wednesday evenings, and has been since her discharge last May.

A one year Residential Treatment Inhouse at this time is not clinically indicated in order for her to maintain her sobriety.

For further information or questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. O'Brien BA/CAC

Primary Case Manager

cc: file

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# THE HARBOURS

December 1, 1995

RE: de Divers

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to inform you that Ann Pierce successfully completed treatment for chemical dependency at The Harbours. Ms. Pierce was admitted on April 24, 1995 and was discharged on May 12, 1995. Ms. Pierce has been attending the continuing care program at the Harbours on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM to support her recovery. She has had perfect attendance and this is part of the follow-up treatment that she needs. The Post Office Department has in the past provided approval for this continued care as a part of a patients recovery.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 373-8700.

Sincerely,

Gene Wright, CAODAC, MA

-Primary Counselor

# THE HARBOURS

6/22/95

MA. Beth Coons AP WU US. Pastal Service Nashville, TN -

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