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The Hon. Pinkie Toomer
Judge of the Fulton County Probate Court
T2705 Justice Center Tower
185 Central Avenue, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

RE: Thaddeus Robert Piatkowski

Dear Judge Toomer:

I am writing you regarding a replacement for a lost firearms license for my client, Thaddeus Piatkowski. Mr. Piatkowski discovered his Georgia firearms license ("GFL") was lost on January 13, 2007, and promptly reported the loss to your office on January 15. Your staff told Mr. Piatkowski that he would have to re-apply for a GFL. Mr. Piatkowski had several unsuccessful conversations with your staff, ending with a meeting with James Brock on February 13, 2007. Mr. Brock reiterated your staff's earlier position, adding that "federal regulations" require you to process a new application, and that you do not replace lost GFLs. Mr. Brock was not able to provide my client with a citation to those regulations. When Mr. Piatkowski explained to Mr. Brock the text of O.C.G.A. § 16-11-129(e) (requiring probate judges to issue replacements for lost GFLs), Mr. Brock said, "So, sue us."

Mr. Piatkowski has retained me to take Mr. Brock up on his suggestion. I would prefer, however, to resolve this straightforward issue without resorting to litigation. The statute mentioned above is quite clear that "the judge of the probate court shall thereupon issue a replacement" when a GFL is reported lost. I am unaware of (and unable to find) any federal regulations regarding the issuance of replacement GFLs.

Please respond to this letter by March 1, 2007, indicating that you will fulfill your statutory duty to issue Mr. Piatkowski a replacement GFL. If I do not receive such notice from you by that date, I will proceed with a mandamus action to compel issuance.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John R. Monroe