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Honorable Chief Justice and Associate Justices  
California Supreme Court  
303 2nd Street, So. Tower, 8th Floor  
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Re: *County of Los Angeles v. Superior Court (Schonert)*, Case No. S053930

Dear Chief Justice and Associate Justices:

On pages 9 and 10 of our Petitioners' Reply Brief, we made reference to a case that was then pending before the United States Supreme Court. *City of Tarrant v. Jefferson* (Ala. 1996) 682 So.2d 29, cert. granted (1997) 117 S.Ct. 1333. In granting certiorari, the Supreme Court had stated the question to be decided as: "Whether, when a decedent's death is alleged to have resulted from a deprivation of federal rights occurring in Alabama, the Alabama Wrongful Death Act . . . governs the recovery by the representative of the decedent's estate under 42 U.S.C. Section 1983?" On December 9, 1997, the Supreme Court dismissed the writ of certiorari for want of jurisdiction on the ground that the Alabama Supreme Court decision was not final. *Jefferson v. City of Tarrant* (U.S. 1997) 1997 WL 753456. For this Court's convenience, I have attached a copy of the Supreme Court's decision, as reported by the Westlaw online service.

Very truly yours,

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