

September 17, 2013

The Honorable Jan L. Brodie  
Fairfax County Circuit Court  
4110 Chain Bridge Road  
Fairfax, VA 22030

Dear Judge Brodie,

My husband and I raised our three children in McLean, Virginia from 1978 – 2004. We moved to Malibu, California in 2004 when Ken became Dean of Pepperdine Law School and subsequently in 2010 to Waco, Texas, where Ken now serves as President of Baylor University.

We were pleased with the education our children received at The Potomac School. All three of our children were "Lifers" (K-12). Our oldest child, Randy, now 36 years old, married and the father of two year old twins, was in the Intermediate School at Potomac (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades) from 1990-1992. Chris Kloman was the Head of the Intermediate Division and his son, Peter, was in the same grade as Randy. Randy was truly shocked to learn of the charges against Mr. Kloman because there was no evidence of any abuse when he attended intermediate school.

Our daughter, Carolyn, is 33 year old, married and the mother of 4 delightful children in Falls Church, Virginia. She was in Potomac's Intermediate School from 1992 – 1994. Mr. Kloman selected Carolyn to receive the Helen Seth Smith Award - a special award for having good grades, a servant heart and being kind to other students. She too was distressed to learn of Mr. Kloman's past behavior as she admired him very much as head of the Intermediate School.

Our third child, Cynthia, was in Junior high at Potomac from 1997 – 1999. I do not believe Mr. Kloman was head of the Intermediate Division at that time and that he had left the school a few years before. However, Cynthia was especially upset about hearing the charges against Mr. Kloman because when she was a Senior at Potomac in the fall of 2002, Mr. Kloman's wife Pam tutored her at their home a couple of evenings a week in preparation for the Math SATs. Cynthia would arrive a few minutes early, and Mr. Kloman was always there helping around the house and getting dinner ready. He took the time to chat with Cynthia on each occasion and

could not have been more gracious or friendly. She felt very close to both Mr. and Mrs. Kloman and experienced no untoward behavior from Mr. Kloman. €

I personally have known Mr. Kloman since 1982, as we both served on the Claude Moore Colonial Farm Board in McLean for thirty years together. He was very helpful to the farm for special projects and market days and had an excellent rapport with all the board members. Not once, in the thirty years I have known him, has Mr. Kloman demonstrated any abusive behavior.

My husband Ken always found him to be a gentleman and sincerely interested in our children's education and well-being during parent-teacher conferences each year. We would occasionally see Mr. and Mrs. Kloman on social occasions, and again, there was no evidence whatsoever of inappropriate behavior.

In short, all of us in the Starr family have admired Mr. and Mrs. Kloman for many years. We do not know of any occasion when he was abusive to women or children. Thus it is possible that once Mr. Kloman had children of his own in the 1970s and once he was promoted to head the intermediate division, he made a concerted effort to correct his behavior of the past.

Although we in no way condone Mr. Kloman's actions, we are aware that his family has suffered the consequences of his past behavior, including his wife being fired from her job, even though she had no knowledge of his misdeeds. Since Mr. Kloman has apparently conducted himself in an acceptable manner for more than thirty years, with no other violations, and he has cooperated with the police and accepted responsibility for his actions, we hope the Court will provide leniency in his sentence.

Mr. Kloman is currently repenting for his past sins and will continue to do so if given a chance to serve his community and neighbors. Community service would be a far better punishment than having him languish in jail.

Judge Brodie, thank you for your service on the Fairfax County Circuit Court. You have to make tough decisions each and every day. We trust you will do what is best for the situation at hand.

Sincerely yours,

*Alvin and Ken Starr*