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A Form Letter

Richard J. Peltz

Dear Editor:

I received the following letter from a colleague, Rick Peltz. I would be grateful if you would reprint this letter, because I know that if postage were no object, Rick would want to express his gratitude to everyone in the legal education community who has contributed to his success. Many thanks,

John DiPippa

1 September 2002

Prof. John M. A. DiPippa
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Dear Prof. John M. A. DiPippa,

It is my pleasure to send along to you here a reprint of my latest publication, *Use "the Filter You Were Born With": The Unconstitutionality of Mandatory Internet Filtering for the Adult Patrons of Public Libraries*, 77 Wash. L. Rev. 397 (2002).

You, Prof. John M. A. DiPippa, were an invaluable help as I worked toward the completion of this project, which is why I am writing to you *personally* now. Without the steadfast support and intellectual stimulation provided by colleagues such as you, I could not have written this article.

I sincerely hope that you will take the time to review this article and reflect on its deepest implications, which, I assure you, are quite deep. I'm sure you'll recognize the influence of your prestigious work in constitutional law.

Of course, if you should find yourself short on time, I would be well satisfied if you would display this work in your office to give the impression, at least, that you have read it or, more important, the impression that it is

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worth reading. In fact, I would be greatly obliged if you might mention this work at the next, say, three events you attend with like-minded intellectuals. Adjectives such as "profound," "insightful," and "discerning" would be suitable to describe the work, and perhaps even "disturbing" if employed in the proper context.

Some catch phrases you might want to rehearse in advance are "cutting edge of intellectual freedom law," "innovative conception of public forum analysis," and "the sort of work that really makes an academic career." The latter can be a real tongue twister, so say it slowly. Lest you be concerned about any troublesome questions on the subject matter of the article, I suggest the ready response, "Well, the Supreme Court will have to answer that." Unless it already has, in which case you might say, "Well, the Supreme Court has laid that to rest." If you're not sure, try just "Well, the Supreme Court," and add a knowing smile.

Again, Prof. John M. A. DiPippa, let me impress upon you how much I value our professional relationship, and how important it is that you deliver the above suggested lines with the proper timing. I look forward to continuing our mutual exploration of constitutional law. It will be my pleasure to speak highly of your work, immediately after lauding my own, at the next appropriate opportunity.

Sincerely,

Rick

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