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Dear Mr. Steinberger:

I am writing to let you know how very pleased I am with the work you are doing on my case and our progress so far. My husband and I have been trying to negotiate our divorce for over two years. We were working with a mediator for quite some time, but I moved to Florida about four months into the mediation process and we got as far as a first draft of our agreement when things, basically, fell apart. My husband served me with papers, which required me to retain counsel. You came recommended from a family member's lawyer, and I have not at all regretted the decision to work with you toward settling my divorce agreement.

The fact that I lived in Florida, but needed a lawyer in New York required us to have all of our meetings by phone and video conference, which was never a problem and I appreciate the fact that you were willing to work with me long distance. The biggest sticking point was child support payment, and we worked long and hard to figure out how we should approach it and what was the most fair amount. One of the first things that appealed to me about your "way of working" was approaching everything in the fairest way possible and what was in the best interest of the children, first and foremost, - not just going for blood or horse trading. My husband and his lawyer had "offered us a deal" that was, frankly, ridiculous, and I knew it was going to be tough to figure out how we could negotiate a fair child support amount.

We finally came to a point that a face to face meeting between myself, my husband, and our lawyers was the best way to finalize our agreement and sort out the child support. I went into the meeting that Friday expecting to either accept my husband's "deal" for the short term, then re-negotiate in a few years, or, best case, get just a few hundred more than his proposed amount.

I was, honestly, blown away by the results. It took a good 8 hours, but the tentative child support numbers we all agreed on far exceeded my husband's proposed amount and exceeded all of my expectations. I was shocked at the amount, when the day was over. When you get down to it, it was all you, Chaim --- you went into the meeting on the side of fairness and respect, not haggling and throwing insults. My husband's lawyer was deal making and arguing everything we tried to say or propose. How do I know it was all you? When my husband held his hand up to his lawyer's face for her to stop speaking, so he could listen you what you were saying, then agree with you. I knew you had convinced him of the fairness of the child support agreement we put together that day. It felt good to know that we all agreed to what was best for our children, not what deal one side gave in to because the other yelled louder.

I would highly recommend your services to anyone beginning the divorce process. Or if anyone was in the middle/end of the process and was feeling like things aren't right and they need to take a second look. If I had it to do all over again I would have retained your services the second I knew that my marriage was ending. It would have saved me a lot of time and money in the end, and made the divorce process far more pleasant. Again, I cannot recommend you highly enough. Not only are you fair, honest, and professional, but you are very pleasant to work with and a warm and interesting person. The divorce process is long, lonely and confusing and working with you made it much easier to get through. I can't imagine what I would be writing right now if I somehow ended up with my husband's lawyer.

Thank you, Chaim - you have helped me through a difficult time and all the results have far exceeded my expectations. I appreciate the work that you do and, honestly, look forward to finalizing my divorce with your help.

Sincerely yours,
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