

# **ADDENDUM**

**Subject Attorneys' Comments and/or Objections to  
the Report Pursuant to the Court's Order, dated  
February 8, 2012**

**Exhibit 4**

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March 8, 2012

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Re: Comments Regarding the Report to the Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan  
*In re Special Proceedings*, Misc. No. 09-0198 (EGS)

Dear Mr. Schuelke:

I did not commit prosecutorial misconduct, and I am pleased that the Report to the Hon. Emmet G. Sullivan ("Report") - that found that I committed no such misconduct - will be made public. Although I disagree with some of the recollections cited in the Report, I am satisfied with the overall conclusion regarding my involvement in the trial of Senator Ted Stevens.

During the relevant period, I was the Principal Deputy Chief in the Public Integrity Section. However, I was not responsible for the daily supervision of the corruption investigations out of Alaska, which included the investigation of Senator Stevens. I never sought to be included on the Stevens trial team and when I was asked by my superiors to join the trial team, I declined more than once. In late July 2008, I was assigned to the trial team two days before the case was indicted, which was well after the evidence had been gathered and evaluated by the investigative team of four lawyers and numerous federal agents. The case went to trial in September 2008. My placement on the trial team resulted in the demotion of two seasoned trial attorneys who had conducted the lengthy investigation, who presented evidence during related trials in Alaska, and who possessed personal knowledge of witness statements and crucial evidence.

My late assignment to the trial team sparked lingering tension and resentment among the team members. Further, I had just weeks to prepare for a two month trial. I was charged with learning the details of a long investigation, arguing numerous motions daily in court, meeting with witnesses for the first time, and preparing both the opening statement and the closing argument to the jury. The multiple issues involving discovery which gave rise to Judge Sullivan's request for an investigation were not based on witnesses I prepared or presented during trial. Further, the information I relayed to the defense or to the Court was based on information I received from members of the investigative team. I trusted and relied on that information to be accurate and truthful.

I approached the post-trial investigations of the prosecution openly and honestly. This has been an extremely long and difficult process. While my integrity was publicly questioned, I know that I have maintained my integrity throughout. I have been honest with the investigators and I have been honest with myself. I am thankful to have the amazing support of family, friends, pastors, and colleagues who never lost faith in me. I trust that I can continue my legal career without further speculation regarding my ethics or professionalism.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Morris