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RE: **www.bargecase.com**

Dear Clients:

We have been swamped lately with phone calls for updates on the progress of this case. We want to keep everyone informed about our progress, but must be sensitive to our staff-members' workload as they try to build and complete computer data-bases that the Court will need if and when the time comes to place dollar values on the claims in this case. This task is very time-consuming, and in order to help alleviate some of the phone calls that might impede this all-important work, we have launched this web-page to provide updates to those of you with computer access. We kindly ask that you refer to it whenever you have questions about the progress of the case. I will post periodic updates that should answer most questions.

We are also adding pages where you can find our retainer, questionnaire and instructions for new clients. You may access these and print them whenever additional forms are needed for new clients wishing to assert claims for the barge breach. Additionally, we will include an FAQ area addressing common questions about the retainer and about the case itself. We ask that as much as possible, you refer to these web pages for answers to questions.

We stand ready to receive your phone calls should the website fail to address important questions you may have. In deciding whether to call, however, we ask that you ensure that the website does not address your question, and that the answer to the question is essential to your understanding of your rights.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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