

## **DECLARATION OF BENJAMIN SUTTER**

I, Benjamin Sutter, declare that the following is true and correct:

1. I am a Member of the State Bar of California (CSB#8888888). I have no record of attorney discipline.
2. I have known Petitioner Charles Dodgson since the late 1970s.
3. I worked with Mr. Dodgson from 1983-1987, 1999-2005, and have recently started collaborating with him on law-related projects.
4. Mr. Dodgson has always been one of the most generous and skilled attorneys I have known. His has an uncanny ability to be both empathic and direct with clients, and he can litigate better than anyone I have had to oppose in my career.
5. I have supported Mr. Dodgson emotionally since December 2016 when another friend, Hugo Smart, and I orchestrated an intervention with Mr. Dodgson's brother. The three of us cornered Mr. Dodgson in his brother's home and confronted him regarding his extreme withdrawal from all of us and his work. We had come to notice his increasing withdrawal over a period of several months and were convinced something was terribly wrong with our friend. Mr. Dodgson eventually confessed to us that he had been the victim of a terrible crime and had been unable to cope with the ramifications.

6. The withdrawn Mr. Dodgson was not the gentleman I had known for decades. I was relieved that he revealed to us the nature of his withdrawal, but I was highly concerned about his ability to cope.

7. As a result of the intervention, Mr. Dodgson took our advice and began seeing a counselor. To my knowledge that treatment is ongoing.

8. Since the treatment began, Mr. Dodgson has begun to demonstrate his old, reliable, enviable behavior. He is once again working enthusiastically (though not practicing law) with me, cataloging authorities I plan to use in a book I am writing. He is bright and capable and I have no doubt capable of resuming his career.

I declare under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: August 5, 2017

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Benjamin Sutter