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To whom it may Concern,

I am an attorney in New York specializing in family law with an expertise in allegations of child sexual and physical abuse. I am also an Adjunct Professor of Law at the Hofstra University School of Law. In May 2005 I was invited by the South African Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (SAPSAC) to give a week-long series of lectures at their annual conference in Pretoria.

After the conference my wife and I traveled around South Africa and stayed at a safari lodge. It was there that I had the pleasure of meeting Veronica Coetzer and her husband Lou.

After learning about my being invited to lecture at the SAPSAC conference, and my practice specialty, Veronica shared her history of having been a victim of sexual abuse. Veronica told us about her experience of coming to terms with this horrible event, and her journey of healing through the use of photography, her profession and passion.

After we returned to the U.S. Veronica sent some of her photographs to us, and explained their meaning as part of her healing process. To call these photographs amazing, thought provoking and powerful would be an understatement, and we were honored that she shared them with us.

Several months ago Veronica advised us that her photographs were to be shown at a conference at the University of West Virginia on Healing through Art, and that she would be coming to the U.S. to attend the conference. Veronica advised us that she was going to be spending several days in New York. Since I am currently teaching a course on Child Abuse and Neglect I invited Veronica to speak to my class and present her photographs to them. Veronica graciously accepted and gave my class an unforgettable presentation on the resiliency of the human mind and spirit through art.

Veronica has told me that she has been contacted by an art gallery to show her photographs. I wholeheartedly endorse the healing power of Veronica's photographs and believe that a showing of her art would be a positive experience for all concerned.

If I can be of any other assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence Jay Braunstein  
Adjunct Professor of Law