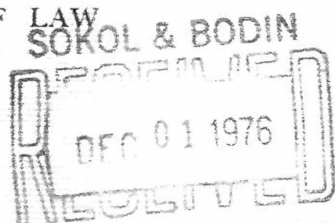


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Dear Ron:

Thanks for the announcement of your new association. I take this to be a good sign that things are developing well in your practice. Your announced jurisdiction seems expansive enough to occupy two people.

It was grand to see you here this summer, even though briefly. After each of your infrequent and short visits, I am left wishing that we had a great deal more time to explore many other questions. I am continuing now to pursue my thinking about appellate judges and am finding this an extraordinarily difficult book to organize and to put together. It is still my hope to get to Europe in 1977 on this project, and I would like to think that I might include a visit to France. I will keep you posted.

This has been the most fascinating political year in my memory. The presidential election turned out to be a squeaker, right down to the wire. I voted "for the future," as they say and went with the winner. We shall see what happens. I suggest that you watch the appointments over the next two months. My hunch is they will be quality people. But in any event, this will be a key to the whole direction of affairs hereafter for the next several years. I view this election as symbolically closing out the last chapter in the great American tragedy of the 1860's.

At the moment, I can think of nothing dramatic to report from the Law School. I will let you know if I head anywhere near your way.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Meador

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