

Jose Castaneda  
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Re: Senate Bill / Attorneys

Dear Senator, Assemblyman (woman):

Enclose with this letter please find a copy of a proposed senate bill for your consideration.

It is intended to add a change in a section of code of Business and Profession relating to Lawyers. Specifically, the way that lawyers handle settlements and what accountability, if any, is given to clients by law in all cases after five years.

I would suggest it be called "Felicitas Castaneda-Sonia Maria Mercado Esq. Senate Bill.

An accountability where allegations of \$100,000.00 fraud might have been committed should not be prevented by claiming statute of limitations.

This bill will require ALL lawyers practicing in the State Of California file financial records of settlements handled to the State Bar of California within 30 days of settling a case.

If you would like more information relating to Castaneda – Mercado Esq. go to [www.geocities.com/trialofsoniamercado.esq.info](http://www.geocities.com/trialofsoniamercado.esq.info)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jose Castaneda". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jose Castaneda

Introduced by Senator \_\_\_\_\_

March 12, 2006

An act to add section \_\_\_\_\_ to the business and professions Code  
Relating to Lawyers as to how they handle final settlements.

Legislative counsel's digest.

SB \_\_\_\_, as introduced, \_\_\_\_\_. Lawyers: Settlements.

Existing law does not provide that any or all Attorneys licensed in  
The State Of California, provide a full financial accounting to their  
Clients and the State Bar of California.

This bill would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to  
enact Legislation to require all settlements handled by any  
practicing and licensed attorney to prove and provide in the form  
of financial documentation at distribution to the State Bar and  
Clients.

*The people of the State of California  
do enacts as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the legislature to enact
- 2 Legislation for the profession of lawyers that requires
- 3 Them to send proof of financial records, (trust account,
- 4 Checks received and issued to client) to the State Bar of
- 5 California at time of Settlement in each case settled.





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opposing counsel, other attorneys, and a County Supervisor - all with whom I work in the community. I asked Jose Castaneda to desist in writing.

5. He came to my office uninvited and without appointment on numerous times demanding to be seen, in an apparent attempt to intimidate and harass me for obeying the subpoena, appearing in trial and testifying.

6. I and my staff, began to fear for my life and safety, and I also have for the safety of my staff. I called his attorney and left messages, but Mr. Castaneda continued. I advised him to get an attorney. A few months ago, he then showed up to my office with his mother, demanding to see me. I did see Mrs. Castaneda, who appeared herself to be very intimidated by her son. I advised her to get an attorney and to talk to her other children. They left.

7. Because Jose Castaneda would not desist, my office had to call the police to ensure Mr. Castaneda would leave the office and to secure our safety.

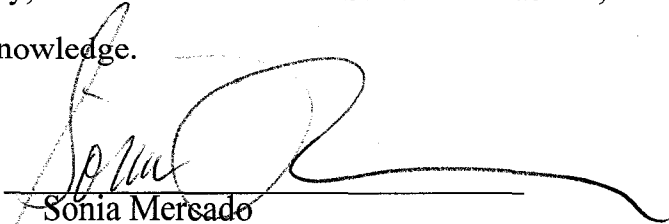
8. I received an inquiry from an attorney Dothoy, who represented that he was an attorney for Jose and Mrs. Castaneda. I gave him the information I recalled, and asked that he please ask Jose to stop stalking me and my office. Mr. Dothoy advised me a couple of weeks later that he was not representing the Castanedas and that he did not require more information from me. Jose continued his letter writing and false allegations defaming me in my professional reputation in the community. I advised him that if he continued I would take action against him. He then filed this lawsuit.

9. I continue being afraid to have any personal contact with Jose Castaneda, and am forced to have R. Samuel Paz, represent me in this matter.

10. I ask that the Court order Jose Castaneda to pay my attorney's fees in the amount of \$495.00 per hour.

I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and of my personal knowledge.

Dated: January 3, 2006

By:   
Sonia Mersado