

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

MIDDLESEX DIVISION

PROBATE AND FAMILY
COURT DEPARTMENT
DOCKET NO.: 02P5533AA

IN RE: ESTATE OF BENJAMIN C. THOMPSON

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AFFIDAVIT OF EDWARD DIEHL

I, Edward Diehl, of 23 Lexington Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts, hereby depose and state as follows:

1. I knew Benjamin C. Thompson (“Ben”), who died on August 17, 2002. I have no interest in Ben’s estate. I was a friend of Ben and had known Ben since approximately 1947. I met Ben through his first wife, Mary, who was in my class at the Harvard Design School. Further, I had my first job after graduating from the design school at Ben’s company, The Architect’s Collaborative (“TAC”).
2. During the years I was working for Ben, and subsequently when I started my own company, my wife LoisMary and I were very close friends of Ben and Mary. We knew all five of Ben and Mary’s children (Debby, Tony, Marina, Nick, and little Ben), and were their unofficial godparents.
3. I know Ben’s second wife, Jane, and am also familiar with her patterns of behavior from her other marriages. Jane is selfish, tough, manipulative, and looks out for herself exclusively, with the possible exception of her own two children. Ben is Jane’s third or fourth husband. One of Jane’s husbands, Paul Mitarachi, was a classmate of mine at design school. It is my understanding that Jane obtained from her divorce with Paul, among other assets, the house that she and Paul owned on Long Island in New York. Jane’s next husband was John McCullough, who was from a wealthy family from Bennington, Vermont. It is my understanding from conversations with Jane that she obtained a very favorable divorce settlement from John. I recall specifically a comment that she made to me in the context of discussing attorneys. Jane told me that if a person is having an expensive divorce, she needs to get an expensive lawyer. I took that comment to mean that Jane obtained a successful divorce settlement.