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Ms Karen Stott
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Dear Karen

APLA has received a delightful e-mail message from one of your clients, Belinda Camarda who felt the need to record her appreciation for the care and consideration you have afforded in managing her case. I think the actual message says it all:

Some time ago I wrote an email to someone about my solicitor. I wanted your association to know just how wonderful she is. Her name is Karen Stott and she is with a firm called McLaughlin & Riordan in Sydney. Not only is she dedicated, but she is passionate about medical negligence. She has been so wonderful throughout my case, which has run for nearly 3 years. Her sincerity and integrity is so evident in everything she does for me. So much is written about 'greedy lawyers' and their effect on the 'medical negligence crisis'. Very little is written about the effect that these 'preventable errors' has on victims and their families. My solicitor has been with me on my journey for accountability. I live with my inabilites and daily pain from my doctor's mistake, the legal arena is a muddy one and just as painful. Without my solicitor's expertise and genuine kindness I could not have continued my fight for justice. She is an absolute credit to her firm and to her profession. My husband and I would dearly love if someone from your association could congratulate her, and make a note of her achievement. With our regards,

Les & Belinda Camarda

What can I do, but do as I am bid? Congratulations, Karen, on the empathy, caring and professionalism you have obviously conveyed to Belinda and her husband.

As new as I am to this organisation, it is always a pleasure to note that the media stereotype has been broken once again.

Kindest regards



Jim Gibbons
Chief Executive Officer