

Exhibit “H”

(Letter from Steven H. Watson, Legal Counsel
to the Governor of American Samoa to James
D. Frye, dated September 2, 2015)



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Dear Mr. Frye:

Governor Moliga has asked that I reply to your letter of August 22, 2015.

Mr. Barlow has appealed his conviction. I do not know what the Appellate Calendar looks like, but in due course his appeal will be heard by Judges who are brought in from the United States for the purpose of hearing appeals from decisions of the High Court of American Samoa. These are generally U.S. Federal Trial Court or Appellate Court Judges, before whom I am sure Mr. Barlow will receive a fair hearing.

Because the matter remains under appeal, it is not appropriate for me to comment on, nor am I even aware of, the facts of the case. However, having been involved with the legal system and the courts in American Samoa for over 35 years, I find the allegations in your letter to be quite striking knowing the level of integrity of our local legal system as I do, and in particular with respect to the Judges whose names you cite.

That said, I am sure the Appellate Court will come to a just and reasoned outcome.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Watson", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

STEVEN H. WATSON
Legal Counsel to the Governor