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Sent: Saturday, October 17, 2009 12:00 AM
To: Privitera, John J.
Subject: Re: judgment proof?

On Oct 16, 2009, at 8:16 AM, Privitera, John J. wrote:

Sandy:
I expect payment this year, and a substantive response as to when.
John

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John,

We are trying to survive.

I am on the road at 6:30 tomorrow. Gone till evening.

Will speak with Barbara - and see what we can do.

We are not flat broke, but it's not pretty. An interesting feeling for a family with substantial net worth.

I do not know. Easy Hall has not found a buyer, and is draining us. Incredible burden.

Vermont is in litigation with Joe Brennan. His other two cases just hang. He procrastinates. Good lawyer, aging.

Farm income - and we have no other at this time - is diminished. Beef is 50% of what it was.

Two lingering investments are not in our control.

As for comment on the web site, the web site is its own logic. I have no friends with Albany interests or park issues. Our contacts in NYC are ancient and retired. All have counsel.

We do not have the funding to complete the two houses and redo the septic. We cannot recruit.

We cannot reopen the quarry. We are liquidating equipment that is not

used, doing what we can to control expenses.

I could not be more concerned. I see devastation, crash, implosion of the state - and sent along Danny's article for that reason. NY State may be judgement proof. Bankrupt. That has happened to states. What then?

I asked NY Farm Bureau to think about using our case to raise memberships from non-farm. Support for the Bureau is flagging, membership is falling.

The New York Times is losing subscribers - fast.

This is not an exercise in any sense of the term. We are a farm, not a bank, and we must run a business that is struggling.

APA wishes to destroy us. You know that. Our effort to capture legal must prevail. Must.

You said we had to pay first. I said that made no sense. The law was written for those who cannot pay. That is clear.

It also was not possible.

Sandy