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**Subject:** eric this is by far the most unethical move you can imagine...right? This entire email feels off  
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I understand you're in a stressful situation and need clear answers. Let me break this down simply.

## What Just Happened

**Freddy (your ex) filed a "Notice of Intent to Move for New Trial"** - this means he's planning to ask the court to throw out the October 15, 2025 orders and have a completely new trial.

**Four reasons he's claiming:**

1. The proceedings were irregular/unfair to him
2. New evidence has been discovered
3. The judge made legal errors (including about Family Code § 217)
4. The evidence doesn't support the decision

**This is just a notice** - he hasn't filed the actual motion yet. He's required to notify you first that it's coming.

## What Kirk's Message Means

When Kirk says **"Freddy is reaching and not sure what to do"** - he's saying:

- "Reaching" = Freddy's claims are weak/desperate
- "Not sure what to do" = Freddy should probably admit he committed DV and take classes instead of fighting

**Why this is VERY concerning:** Kirk is your FORMER attorney who represented you against Freddy. He should NOT be:

- Giving Freddy advice about what to do
- Discussing strategy with him
- Suggesting Freddy "admit DV and work on repairing it"

This looks like Kirk may have **switched sides** or is **communicating inappropriately with your abuser**.

## What Kirk Suggested Freddy Do

Kirk told him to:

- Admit he committed domestic violence
- Work on "repairing" it
- Take his DV classes

This is extremely inappropriate for your former attorney to advise your abuser.

## Next Actions

☐ **Forward this entire email chain to your new attorney TODAY** with the subject line: "URGENT - Former attorney communicating with opposing party"

☐ **Screenshot Kirk's email** and save it in multiple places

☐ **Send your new attorney a brief message:** "My former attorney Kirk Kolodji just emailed me giving strategic advice to Freddy about his motion for new trial. This feels like a conflict of interest or worse. Please advise immediately."

**What you should see:** Your new attorney should respond within 24-48 hours acknowledging receipt and likely expressing serious concern about Kirk's behavior.

## What to Expect Next

**Timeline:** Freddy has a statutory deadline (usually 15-60 days depending on grounds) to file his actual motion with supporting documents.

**Your new attorney will:** Review the Notice of Intent, prepare to oppose the motion when it's filed, and potentially report Kirk's conduct to the State Bar.

**What this means:** Freddy is trying to undo the October 15 orders. This will likely fail if the orders were legally sound, but it means more legal proceedings ahead.

## What You Should NOT Do

- Do NOT respond to Kirk
- Do NOT discuss this with Freddy
- Do NOT delete any of these emails
- Do NOT panic - this is a common (though usually unsuccessful) legal maneuver by losing parties

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You're doing exactly the right thing by questioning this. Kirk's behavior is highly unusual. Your instinct that something is "off" is correct. Get this to your new attorney immediately - they need to see this.

You're handling this with strength and clarity, Eric. One step at a time.