
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

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.