
LIST OF REFERENCE LETTERS

on behalf of

ALBERT PARISH

A) FAMILY

Kathleen Parish
Mother

Ruthie Parish
Sister

Margarite Martin
Aunt

Hilda Mary Elizabeth Cannon
Aunt

Marguerite Baldwin Anderson
Cousin

William W. Rutledge, Sr.
Related by marriage

B) FRIENDS

William L. Young
Friend of the family

Kevin J. O'Leary
Friend for many years

Martin G. O'Leary
Friend for 25 years

Caroline J. and Charles A. Weinheimer, Jr.
Friends of the family

C) PROFESSIONAL

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Professional associate and friend for over 15 years

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Professional associate for over 21 years

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A

Kathleen J. Parish

10705 Summit Plantation, Charleston, SC 29405

Dear Judge Norton,
My name is Kathleen J. Parish and I am the mother of Al Parish, a resident of Charleston, South Carolina. I am writing to you to provide you with information about my son, Al Parish, who is currently facing charges of

Dear Judge Norton,

Al Parish has been known to me since the day he was born; he is my oldest child and has a sister and younger brother. We live on Summit Plantation in Meggett, which has been in my family for nearly 200 years.

Al grew up here and was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He served as an acolyte during his high school years and was called on to serve at funerals and wedding occasionally. Al and his family have been involved members for St. Matthew's Lutheran Church since his marriage to Yolanda in 1994. His childhood and church life helped to forge his character and personality.

Through eighth grade, Al attended and graduated from St. Paul's Academy and was an "A" student. He attended high school at Porter Gaud and graduated with honors. He went on to the College of Charleston where he double-majored in mathematics and economics and graduated *summa cum laude*. While at the College of Charleston, Al helped to create the Math Lab to help students who struggled with math courses; he tutored in the Math Lab up to 20 hours per week. To my knowledge, he still holds the record for the highest number of semester hours ever taken in one semester at 27 semester hours. Al went on to receive a Ph.D. in Mathematical Economics from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He came back to teach mathematics and economics at the College of Charleston for 8 years. When Charleston Southern University decided to create an MBA program, Al took a position in the School of Business to help create the program. He learned the value of education and has helped to educate thousands of students.

Al has been heavily involved with community service across the state since he obtained his Ph.D. He provided economic forecasts for Charleston, Sumter, and Myrtle Beach for over ten years. He gave more than 100

speeches per year to civic and professional organizations on economic matters. He wrote a column for the Post and Courier on a quarterly time period for many years, and on a weekly basis in 2007. Al was never paid for any of this work and any fees were remitted to Charleston Southern University. He values community service and has always wanted to contribute to the community in the best way he could.

I am a former kindergarten teacher and later headmistress of St. Paul's Academy in Adam's Run. I have been retired for 14 years. My husband and Al's father died 24 years ago. Al and his wife and four children have been living with me since his discharge from MUSC Institute of Psychiatry back in April 2007. We make the best of the situation, with seven people living in a home with three bedrooms and two small bathrooms.

When Al was a child he was keenly interested in things of nature, loved animals, and helped my father with his vegetable garden and cattle. My father was a farmer here on Summit Plantation, growing vegetables and later raising cattle. My parents lived on Summit Plantation only a half mile from my home. When they became elderly and needed help, Al pitched in and was very helpful to them and to me. He went with me to take them to doctors, buy groceries, and the like. He ran errands for me such as going to get the sitter for my parents until we returned from school and work. He was also very helpful to my aunt who was very lonely after her husband died. Al stayed with her at her home on Summit Plantation and her apartment at the Confederate Home in downtown Charleston. He would take her to the doctor, buy groceries for her, and run errands. Now he helps me around the house and does most of the cooking. Al has always cared greatly for elderly people and done many things for many seniors over the years.

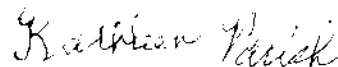
On March 29, 2007, Al presented an economic forecast to about 700 people for the Charleston Chamber of Commerce. Shortly after he returned to Charleston Southern after the conference, he collapsed and was taken to Trident Hospital where he woke up not knowing who he was or who anyone else was, including me. I believe this was the result of too much work. Al suffered a heart attack and had a stent installed ten years ago for much the same reason—doing too many things for too many people. During the years before his collapse, Al was working at least 90 hours per week. He was teaching and advising at Charleston Southern, running the Center for Economic Forecasting, giving an average of two or three speeches per week, trying to manage Parish Economics, helping with Battery Wealth Management, and helping to write economic impact studies. He is also a husband and father to four young children.

All of this work created too much stress on Al and he finally shut down. His recovery has been long and difficult on him and his family. Al has described his memory loss as "reverse Alzheimer's." I know that Al considers Alzheimer's to be the worst disease there is, especially on the family. His children had a very hard time when he was away at the Detention Center and even though he has been confined to home mostly since his release, his children are doing much better just having him around to help with homework, tell about their day, and to play with. It also gives Yolanda desperately needed help to have Al around. His children are young, with William the oldest at only 12. He needs to have a chance to continue being a father to the children.

Al has been a very helpful and loving son to me. He has always been generous to me, his brother and sister, and to people he had never met before. Right now, he cooks and cleans up around the house for me; he also takes trash to the Hollywood dump (we don't have trash pick-up in the country).

Al's character has been formed from his extended family while he was growing up to his family that he and Yolanda have created. He is not perfect and has certainly made his share of errors over his 50 years, but he has always tried to do the right thing for everyone. I hope you consider his whole life in imposing sentence.

Sincerely,



Kathleen Parish

November 19, 2007

The Honorable David C. Norton
District Court of South Carolina
Charleston Division
85 Broad Street
Charleston, SC 29401

RE: Albert E. Parish

Dear Judge Norton:

My name is Ruthie Parish and I am Al's only sister. Of course, I have known Al all of my life since I am 3 years younger than he is. I am currently employed with Nexsen Pruet law firm and have been a legal secretary for over 15 years.

Al has always been since a loving, caring and giving brother. When Al, Johnny and I were growing up we had a great and loving family. We lost our father about 23 years ago and Al stepped in and took over the head of the family. My mother depended on him a great deal to take care of the "business" side of the family and also his love and attention to our family.

When Al met Yolanda, his wife, he started a family of his own. Yolanda and Al adored each other as they still do now even in the hardest of times. Al has four children that need him greatly. Ever when he got married, he never forgot his mother, sister and brother. Al has always been so kind and helpful to all of his family. My mother is now 78 years old and she has depended on Al for a long time to help her with decisions. Al's family really does need him and his children especially. His children adore and love him and Al plays with all of them so well. His son, William is now turning 12 and really needs a father figure. His daughter, Genie just had a birthday and I am so glad that Al was here to be with her. His twin girls just adore and play with Al as he loves them dearly.

Al has had a very strong commitment with his family but also with a lot of people outside of the family. He is still a very strong figure in the community and people look up to him for guidance. He has so many friends in the community with are leaders themselves. He has always done so much work for the community in economic forecasting, Chamber of Commerce and traveling to talk about economic forecasting really for the United States. Al has been on television talking about economic forecasting which in itself helps a lot of people. I have been to his yearly talks with the Chamber of Commerce on economic forecasting and you can tell from the attendance that Al is a great leader in this community.

I do not know what the future holds but all of his family, children, wife, mother, sister and brother need Al to be in their lives.

Thank you for your attention to this letter and God bless you.

Sincerely,


Ruthie Parish

A personal note...

Nov. 15, 2007

Mr. Herbert J. Hoelter CEO.

I am Marguerite Martin, Aunt of
Al Davis. I've known Al since he
was a baby. Growing up Al was a loving
and special young man to his parents & family.
He is very intelligent and very smart.
His Mother and all of his family loved and are
always helpful to Al. His background
and family life is exceptional.

Al pleads guilty to the Charger so I feel that
what Al says is up to Andy Savage and
The Court.

God Bless Al Davis

Marguerite Martin

507 Old State Road
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November 23, 2007

The Honorable David C. Norton
District Court of South Carolina
Charleston Division
85 Broad Street
Charleston, SC 29401

Re: Albert E. Parish, Jr.

Hon. Judge Norton:

I am a retired Registered Social Worker, having been employed for over 30 years in social work positions in Charleston, South Carolina, among them 10 years in a Family Service Agency and at MUSC's Psychiatric Division. I am a graduate of Winthrop College, and earned a Masters degree from Tulane University in Social Work. I have also attended sessions at the University of South Carolina School of Social Work and Smith College (Mass.).

As Al's "Aunt Hilda", I have been in close contact with Al and his immediate family for 15 years or more. He is married to my sister Zayda's daughter. One of his twin daughters is my namesake and I have spent most of the last 15 Christmases as a guest in his home. We also know some of the same individuals through our work and social contacts.

In my contact with him, he has demonstrated thoughtfulness with his efforts to help me in any way I need help during my illnesses. He has repeatedly offered help with doctor trips and running errands. His calls to me have been encouraging and uplifting to me during sometimes difficult times. He has repaired my driveway, set up my TV, and brought fresh fruit and flowers to me. He and his family frequently stopped to visit on their way home from church.

My personal feeling is that he has acted responsibly in his personal life. He is a pillar of strength for his family. Al is always "there" for them (wife, children, mother, mother-in-law, brother, sister and elderly friends in his community). He attends church every Sunday with his family and is an active participant in that community.

He surpasses many in his intellectual ability. I understand he was an excellent student at the College of Charleston and University of North Carolina. As a faculty member he was dedicated to his students and colleagues at Charleston Southern University and won an excellence in teaching award there. He has always demonstrated a tremendous work ethic and has countless community involvements and awards.

I am more than happy to write in his behalf. He has always been kind, generous and helpful to me and others.

Sincerely,


Hilda Mary Elizabeth Cannon

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The Honorable David C. Norton
District Court of South Carolina
Charleston Division
85 Broad Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Your Honor:

As a clinical social worker there have been numerous occasions when I have addressed the courts of Virginia in a professional capacity. However, since my husband and I have retired and returned home to Charleston, I find my court involvement has become all too personal. I have known Al Parish since his birth. He is my cousin.

Throughout his life I have known Al to be a kind, considerate boy and man concerned for others. While living out of state I had more than one telephone conversation with Al about my mother's welfare. I am an only child and he repeatedly said if she, my mother, needed anything she had only to call him. I also know that he cared for his grandmother, my aunt, and did many favors for her that made her life easier. He and his family entertained these two elderly ladies, took them out for dinners and made sure that they saw the county Christmas Festival of Lights which they loved. He remodeled his mother's home and provided a home for his mother-in-law, caring for them all the while. He loves cooking and delights in giving gifts of food. He is a nurturer.

Like many complex personalities Al's behaviors exhibit inconsistencies. While he has been acknowledged as brilliantly intelligent and intellectually advanced since childhood (he received a full scholarship to Porter Gaud), and has been highly successful as an adult in the world of academia, there remains about Al a very real childlike quality which is most apparent when he is with his family, especially his children. He is clearly a man who loves his family and takes great joy in their presence. He is a master of good natured teasing, much as his father before him. Seeing him in his mother's home on the river, is to sense the naivete of the barefoot freckled faced little boy he was living in the man today.

Al has been generous with donations in the lowcountry. When we attended the opening night performance of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra last season, I was happy to see that Al sat on the board, was a large contributor and endowed two chairs. When our youth group at Christ-St. Paul's Episcopal Church (the church in which Al grew up), held a silent auction to fund a mission trip, Al donated a week at his home in the mountains. His childrens' school also benefitted from

his generosity. He has been a faithful supporter of the greater Charleston community.

It is difficult to reconcile the boy and man I have known with the accused I see in court. This is a sad time for our family. We hope and pray that this case can be settled in a most equitable manner for all concerned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marguerite B. Anderson". The signature is fluid and connected, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Marguerite B. Anderson, M.S.W.

William W. Rutledge, Sr.

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Greenville, SC 29605
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November 20, 2007

The Honorable David C. Norton
District Court of South Carolina
Charleston Division
85 Broad Street
Charleston, SC 29401

Dear Judge Norton:

My name is William W. Rutledge and I have known Al Parish since his birth. My wife of fifty-one years was Marianne Jenkins Rutledge, Al's second cousin. Marianne grew up with Al's mother, Kathleen Jenkins Parish, on Yonges Island, South Carolina and although they were cousins, Kathleen and Marianne were as close as sisters. After graduating from college, Marianne and I moved away to Greenville, South Carolina, where I started a successful textile finishing business. While they lived a considerable distance apart, the bond that Kathleen and Marianne forged in their youth lasted throughout the years, and our families continued to see each other on a regular basis. We often planned vacations and holidays together and attended family functions such as baptisms, birthday parties and marriage ceremonies.

The Parish and Jenkins families have been very well-respected in their community for many years. Al's grandfather, John Jenkins, graduated from Clemson University and was a farmer on Yonges Island for most of his life. He was looked up to as a leader in farming organizations. Kathleen was a teacher and principal for many years. Albert Parish, Sr. served in World War II as a Marine, and despite an arthritic condition which caused his spine to become severely deformed, he worked every day delivering oil for Texaco Company until his retirement.

Kathleen and Albert instilled a strong work ethic into all of their children. Al's brother, Johnny, is a hard-working supervisor for a paving company in Charleston; and his sister, Ruthie, is a paralegal in Charleston who also runs a demanding business boarding horses. I remember whenever their neighbors needed help, Albert, Al and Johnny would jump into their pickup truck and rush over. They helped to fix everything from automobiles to water pumps and even cranky septic tanks.

When I think of Al, the one thing that always comes to mind is the special relationship he shared with his beloved Aunt Connie. As a teenager and young adult, he was absolutely devoted to Connie, who at that time was well into her 80's. He visited her almost every day and attended to all of her needs. Connie had been widowed for many years, and Al provided her with companionship and the security of knowing that things would be taken care of. I remember how distressed Al was when Connie was victimized by a burglar.

While I cannot condone what Al has done, I must say it is in direct contrast to the person I have always known. Al is a devoted family man, caring not only for his four small children, but also for his mother and his siblings. I have heard there are accusations of him preying on the elderly, however in my own 79 years, I have rarely seen anyone more caring for those older than himself.

I hope this letter will serve to give you some insight into the good qualities of Al Parish.

Respectfully,

William W. Rutledge, Sr.

William W. Rutledge, Sr.

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25 Nov 07

The Honorable David C. Norton
District Court of South Carolina
Charleston Division
85 Broad Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29401.

Yours, Honor,

I have known Al Parish all his life. His parents, my first wife (Jeanne) and I were best friends. Our children played together and we vacationed together several times at Edisto Beach.

Al was a curious child striving to learn about everything. This has carried over into his adult life. His accomplishments and education speak for themselves.

I was shocked when the news of his problems were published in the papers. I do not believe Al's intentions were to defraud his clients, but he was caught in a whirlwind of too much money available and poor management.

His greatest punishment is his loss of respect from the greater Charleston community and the devastating effect on his family and children.

Al, his mother, and family are in my daily prayers.

Sincerely

William L. Young

William L Young
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November 23, 2007

The Honorable David C. Norton
District Court of South Carolina
Charleston Division
85 Broad St.
Charleston, SC 29401

Your Honor,

My name is Kevin O'Leary, and I am sending this letter to offer some personal perspectives and anecdotes reflecting on the character of Albert E. Parish Jr., who has been the subject of litigation in your court.

To introduce myself, I am 51 years old, not married, and I have known Al approximately 35 years. I consider myself a native Charlestonian, despite having lived away from Charleston the majority of my adult life. I graduated from Porter-Gaud School in 1975, with honors from the College of Charleston in 1979, and from the University of Michigan in 1982 with a Master of Science in Physics. I have been employee of International Business Machines Corporation since the summer of 1982, holding managerial and technical staff positions in semiconductor engineering, systems engineering, software curriculum development and delivery, and software skills certification. My current address is 4001 North 9th St. Apt 603 Arlington, VA 22203, and my cell phone number is 703-785-0274.

Al and I have known one another since our junior year at Porter-Gaud, and I consider him to be one of my best friends; he has also been a good friend to my other family members. Over the years, Al has been a considerate, generous, thoughtful, and dedicated gentleman. Some simple examples:

- *In the fall of 1973, Al and I had known one another for a few months and were becoming friends. We had an outing planned (a movie or the like), but I found my car battery dead when I went to leave. I let him know that I wouldn't be able to make it. A little over an hour later, he was knocking on our door; he had a new battery with him. He had driven from Hollywood to James Island, picking it up along the way. I didn't have enough cash to give him, but he just said to pay him back whenever I got it together; there was no rush.*
- *When my sister opened her first shop in Charleston, Al came and helped her assemble and arrange the furnishings; it was a multi-day effort. He remarked that*

the place needed "a little something" to help with the rather stark appearance of the white walls. He left, and came back later that afternoon with a set of framed photographs of flowers and Charleston scenes. They were from the portfolio he had compiled while dabbling in photography, which he sold in the old market downtown on weekends and in the summer to make some extra money. When my sister went to pay him, he refused to take anything and just wanted them to be considered as his housewarming gift for the place.

- While my brother attended the College of Charleston in the 1980s, he co-authored a few articles on investments and finance with Al that appeared in the News and Courier. A retired Navy admiral living in Charleston, Paul Pihl, contacted Al about one or more of them; it turns out he had been working on mathematical models for investing at the time and was interested in throwing some ideas around. Al introduced him to my brother, thinking that Martin could help out the admiral, learn a lot from him, and build more confidence in his own capabilities. My brother worked with the admiral part-time for about 3 years, and their collaboration was a watershed phase in his life. Besides being urged to pursue more education, his enjoyment of researching investment and finance topics drove him to continue self-study in those disciplines and become a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). So what's its relevance? This is one of a number of examples where Al opened doors of opportunity for friends and colleagues, and in this case it was by design and not mere coincidence.
- In 1992, my brother's residence in Houston, TX was burglarized. He had just moved to the area after completing his MA in Economics at the University of Oklahoma, and had started his first job working for Tenneco Corporation. Like many of us he was very cash strapped so soon after graduate school. Al heard about what happened, and immediately told my brother that he could have his old stereo gear, which he was in the process of replacing. He shipped everything out to Martin, paying the freight and again not wanting a cent for anything.

Al has taken good care of his immediate family over the years as well. An example was his aunt Connie, who lived in the Confederate Home on Chalmers St. in downtown Charleston. She was effectively a shut-in, and had extremely limited financial resources. Al visited with her regularly, helped her with issues regarding access to healthcare and Medicaid, and also brought in food and medicine for her. I went with Al on a number of his visits, and over time it became apparent that he was really a primary caretaker for Connie. The majority of the visits when I joined him were on weekends, so he was "going the extra mile" for a family member whose welfare he looked upon as a priority.

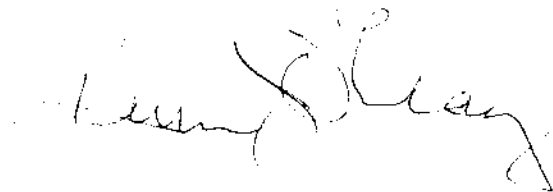
Al also had significant involvement and impact in a number of communities, many of which were in the public eye; but not all of them were. While a student at the College of Charleston, Al was instrumental in the success of a math learning laboratory established with

another faculty member; the lab offered free tutoring for students in remedial courses. The math lab was so successful its scope expanded to the entire introductory curriculum, and it became staffed by junior and senior level majors in addition to faculty. So, his efforts serviced the community of students needing that sort of help to meet their matriculation requirements, but it also helped raise the profile of the math program within the larger student community. His popularity as a tutor and mentor helped draw more students to the major. In recognition of these and other contributions Al made while attending the College, he was awarded its highest honor by the faculty at our graduation - The Bishop Smith Award for outstanding service.

There are a plethora of other anecdotes that can be told about Al's care for his family and friends, and how he has helped benefit larger groups of people. But those are best told by the individuals who were a part of them. I'm confident that their perspectives would mirror mine.

If would be happy to elaborate further on any of the above. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration, and I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin J. O'Leary". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Kevin J. O'Leary

November 25, 2007

The Honorable David C. Norton
District Court of South Carolina
Charleston Division
85 Broad St.
Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Your Honor,

My name is Martin O'Leary, and I am sending this letter to offer some personal perspectives reflecting on the character of Albert E. Parish Jr., who awaits sentencing in your court.

I am 43 years old, married with one child, and have known Al well for approximately 25 years. I was born and raised for most of my childhood in Charleston, and consider myself a Charlestonian despite having lived away from Charleston for all but a year and three months since 1989. I graduated from Bishop England High School in 1983, the College of Charleston in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in Economics, and from the University of Oklahoma in 1991 with a Master of Arts in Economics. I have been employee of El Paso Corporation since October 2005, serving in the Rate Department as a Principal Rate Analyst. My responsibilities are to develop regulated rates for Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, an interstate natural gas pipeline and publish the company's internal competitor report for upper management. My current address is 3619 Paigewood Drive Pearland, TX 77584, and my cell phone number is 281-757-5853.

Al and I have known one another since his junior year at Porter-Gaud School when he and my brother become close friends, and I consider him to be a good friend. I began to know Al really well after he agreed to come to my parents home and tutor me when I was having difficulty with complex fractions in an algebra class during high school. It is interesting that I would begin to know Al better because he performed a kind and selfless act to help me, as he accepted no monetary compensation for the tutoring. Over the years, Al has been a considerate, generous, thoughtful, and dedicated friend and person. In fact, I can truly say that Al helped change the course of my life. The following are some examples of how Al helped me during the course of my friendship with him without ever asking for any type of payment:

- Al was very instrumental in the establishment of the mathematics learning laboratory or simply known as the "math lab" at the College of Charleston. He worked quite a number of hours a week in the lab when I was a student at the College of Charleston and he encouraged me to go the lab and do my homework in the lab. If I had any problems with the work, there was always a math major or another member of the math department faculty there to provide me with assistance. This lab really helped me as I had a relatively weak math background entering college. This lab also has helped literally thousands of other College of Charleston students who were required

to take six hours of math classes in order to earn any degree at the College of Charleston.

- While at the College of Charleston, I chose to major in economics. The economics department, at the time, was a small department with a handful of majors. The department was not offering a course in econometrics due to the limited number of professors in the department. Al decided to add another course to his workload one semester thereby allowing another student and myself to learn the subject. The course ended up becoming very important to me later in graduate school when I had to take two advanced econometrics courses in order to earn my master's degree at the University of Oklahoma. Al's course was so rigorous and well-taught that I had seen almost all the topics in the graduate-level courses in his econometrics course. Needless to say, Al did not have to add another course to his workload to help two economics majors who wanted to take a course that was not offered at the time. Moreover, it must be noted that the College of Charleston would have offered the course during the semester because two students would not have met the student minimum for a course to be taught.
- While attending the College of Charleston, a retired Navy admiral, Paul Pihl, met with Al to discuss working on mathematical models for stock market investments. Admiral Pihl was legally blind and needed an assistant to help with reading financial market data and making calculations for him. When one of his assistants resigned, Al introduced Admiral Pihl to me thinking I would be a good match for him given that my father had been a naval officer. I worked with "the admiral" part-time for a little over 3 years and this experience forever changed my life. The admiral has been the most influential person in my life. He taught me the value of hard work, discipline, pride in one's work and appearance. The admiral, a Naval Academy graduate, by instilling these qualities in me, gave me the self-confidence to believe in my ability and potential to be a success in my career. The most important gift the admiral gave me was that he taught me what honor and courage in life really is. I worked with a blind man who would not let his disability hinder him from continuing to increase the breadth of his knowledge. So what's its relevance? Without Al thinking of me for this position, I would have never become the person who I am today due to Admiral Pihl's tutelage and influence. This is an example where Al opened a door of opportunity for me, and by design.
- In 1992, my apartment was burglarized shortly after moving to Houston, Texas. I had just started my first job working for Tenneco Corporation. I did not have very much money at the time. I told Al what happened, and he immediately shipped his old electronics gear that he had replaced. He shipped everything out to me, paying the freight and again not wanting payment for anything. He even apologized that all he could give me was a 12" color TV. I can say that I recently retired the stereo equipment as old age finally caught up with the equipment.
- In 1996, while giving a speech concerning the local economy at civic meeting somewhere in Berkeley county, where he met a gentleman named Marc Tye who works in the rate department at Santee Cooper. I had expressed to Al, in previous

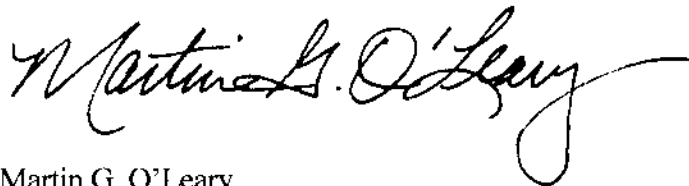
conversations that I wanted to move back to the Lowcountry area. Al took Marc's information and told him about me. To make a long story short, Marc Tyc would become my manager at Santee Cooper. Even though, I did not stay at Santee Cooper very long, it was an example of Al thinking of a friend or colleague who he might be able to help. There are other students who Al has helped find employment in a similar way to how he helped me.

Al has taken good care of his immediate family over the years as well. An example was his mother, who lives in Hollywood. When Al could afford to help, he enlarged and renovated his mother's house. The house was rather small and Al decided to help her make the house more comfortable for her retirement. He has always been a faithful son to his mother and sibling to his sister and brother.

I am happy to elaborate further on any of the above. I may be reached by phone at my cell number cited earlier at any time.

I do not condone Al's actions, but I think that it is important for you to know that Al has done many kind and selfless things for other people in his life. I want to thank you for your consideration of my thoughts concerning Al Parish during your decision-making process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martin G. O'Leary". The signature is written in black ink and has a fluid, connected style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter 'y'.

Martin G. O'Leary

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November 19, 2007

The Honorable David C. Norton
District Court of South Carolina
Charleston Division
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Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Dear Sir,

I, Caroline J. Weinheimer, am a retired school teacher having taught for 31 years. My husband, Charles A. Weinheimer, Jr., is a retired banker with over 30 years of service.

We have known Al Parish since his birth. He comes from a very well thought of family. His father died in 1983 having been a combat veteran in the Pacific during WWII. His mother was my best friend growing up. His parents were hard working and of modest means.

We do not condone nor can we comprehend the charges to which he has admitted.

Al was a very smart student and received a scholarship to Porter-Gaud for his 4 years of high school. After graduating from the College of Charleston, he continued working to complete his Masters and Ph.D degrees. We lost touch with him during this period.

Al has always looked after his widowed mother. He has a lovely young family. We feel deeply for his 4 children who range from 4 to 11 years old.

We attend the same church that he and his family attend. He and Yolanda have been active in the Sunday School program of our church. He and his family have attended church regularly even while he has been under house arrest.

Al is so talented and has so much to contribute to our community. It is a shame to see this wasted. We wonder, "Is there any way that this talent could be directed to a useful purpose for our community short of incarceration?"

Sincerely,
Caroline J. Weinheimer
Charles A. Weinheimer, Jr.

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November 15, 2007

The Honorable David C. Norton
District Court of South Carolina
Charleston Division
85 Broad Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Dear Judge Norton,

My name is Steve Russell. I am a registered architect with my own architecture and interior design practice in Charleston since 1979 and have been a Charleston area resident since 1976. I have been involved professionally and personally in my community, serving on both the Town of Mount Pleasant Design Review and Economic Development Advisory Boards, as past member of the Chamber of Commerce Economic Outlook Board, past President of the American Institute of Architects Charleston Section, past Section Director of South Carolina American Institute of Architects and I currently serve as Chairman of the State Board of Architectural Examiners. Additionally, I served as a board member of the South of Broadway Theatre Company and performed in local community theater, my church choir and civic choral productions.

Al Parish is one of my closest friends and has been a professional associate and client since we first met in early 1990. Our work together was numerous and varied: building projects for two of his personal residences and for business ventures; serving on community boards; consulted each other on innumerable matters, both personal and business; attended each others weddings; children's baptisms and birthday parties and more. I have and will continue to cherish my relationship with Al. He and I always had an open door friendship to offer each other advice and counsel on personal or professional matters. Ten years ago, when I first pursued using computer aided drafting at my business, Al offered free advice on computer equipment that would work effectively with the complex programs often used by architects.

In our work on various building projects, Al was always fair in his business dealings. He liked working with friends and usually developed friendships with new people with whom he did business. I particularly remember his relationship with Ken Willard, the general contractor in 1998 for his house in Summerville and several subsequent additions. In recent years, Ken developed health problems and he passed away last year. During Ken's health struggles, Al called me to see if I had any small projects that Ken might work on so that he could maintain his livelihood. When Ken did pass away, Al called me to let me know the date and time for the memorial service.

Al was always well known for his frequent speaking engagements and he honored many of my personal requests to speak to various professional associations. He was respected for his knowledge, perspective, and light-hearted look at the complex nature of his specialty: economic forecasting. I always heard nothing but compliments from those in attendance for how he explained economic concepts in such understandable ways.

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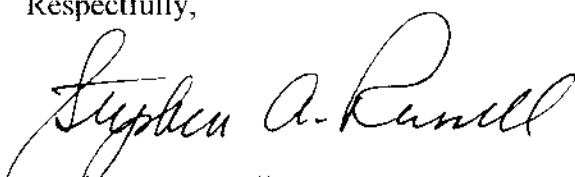
On the personal side, for their wedding, Al and Yolanda had requested that I and three other of their friends sing during the ceremony. Both of them wanted as many of their friends involved in the service and they felt our performing the music for the service would be particularly significant for them. They both expressed their sincere and heartfelt gratitude for our efforts on this special occasion.

For several of his children's birthdays, Al asked me to design, bake and decorate birthday cakes that represented a special memory or interest for that child. His desire was to make that birthday event as personal, unique and memorable as possible. There were Al's ideas for the monorail cake for William's seventh birthday and for Genie's Pinewood cheerleader's cake, as she aspired to be a Pinewood Prep cheerleader someday. Al knew these were special things in his children's lives and he wanted to provide each child with a special memory. I also recall how Al loved to relate instances of William's early intellectual abilities. Many times he told me of William's ability, at age three or four, to identify a truck's make and model when they passed it on the road. Al was, and I'm sure still is, a very proud father.

Al was not to be given, nor did he expect any special treatment for his perceived position or renown. Last year, while he and I waited to present a project to the Summerville Architectural Review Board, Al sat down on the hallway floor where there were no chairs for waiting applicants. We quietly chatted about a wide range of topics while waiting to be called. He always loved to relate the story of him, his wife Yolanda, and me at a meeting about the design of their house. As Al and I, tongue-in-cheek, discussed the idea of Tweedy bird and other cartoon characters as fountain sculpture for their front yard, Yolanda commented that she was the only adult in the room – Al loved being the brunt of that joke!

My hope is that this perspective on Al's person will afford some consideration in the deliberations for sentencing. He is a good person and I sincerely hope that he and I can maintain our friendship in the years to come.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen A. Russell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Stephen A. Russell, AIA, NCARB

November 26, 2007

The Honorable David C. Norton
District Court of South Carolina
Charleston Division
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Charleston, South Carolina 29401

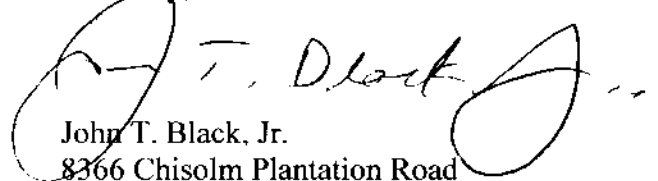
Dear Judge Norton:

My name is John T. Black, Jr. and I am writing to you regarding Al Parish. I am a Realtor with Edisto Realty on Edisto Beach and have been licensed since 1981. I am a graduate of The University of South Carolina.

I met Al Parish in the early 1990's when I assisted him with the purchase of a front beach lot here on Edisto. The company I was working for at the time also built a house for him on this lot and we subsequently managed and rented the home for him. I remember when he later got married to his lovely wife, Yolanda, and they soon had children and a nice family.

In all of my dealings with Al Parish, I have found him to be a very nice person, pleasant, smart & upbeat. He is highly intellectual but he is also very modest and cordial. Even though I know him only on a limited basis, all of my interactions with him have been pleasant. I really don't know the circumstances that led him to the situation he is in but I believe deep down inside, he is a good person.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John T. Black, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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November 17, 2007

The Honorable David C. Norton
District Court of South Carolina
Charleston Division
85 Broad Street
Charleston, SC 29401

Re: Character Reference for Dr. Albert E. Parish, Jr.

Dear Sir:

I am a personal and professional acquaintance of Dr. Al Parish, having known him for over twenty-one years. I am a fellow mathematician and obtained a Ph.D. in Pure Mathematics in 1984 from the University of Waterloo, one of the top research universities of Canada. After coming to this country to pursue post-doctoral research and to accept an appointment on the mathematics faculty of The Citadel, I eventually became a naturalized US citizen. I left academia to pursue business interests in international trade in Europe, but returned to hold positions of increasing responsibility at two South Carolina Technical Colleges, the University of Central Florida (where I served as Deputy Director of the Nanoscience Technology Center), and Northeast Texas Community College, where I currently hold the position of Vice Present for Instruction and Student Development.

My first acquaintance with Dr. Parish occurred in early 1986 when I give a talk at The Citadel on my mathematical research related to Fibonacci patterns in the stock market and Dr. Parish attended my lecture. Dr. Parish at the time was a member of the mathematics faculty at the College of Charleston and I was an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at The Citadel. After the presentation, we talked about our mutual professional interests, and subsequently we started meeting occasionally for lunch, often including other acquaintances interested in theories of stocks and commodities.

One of the theories that were receiving a lot of attention in those days was the Elliott Wave Theory of the stock market, and I was impressed with Dr. Parish's knowledge of this theory as well as other models, such as advanced applications of moving averages and other types of technical analysis. When I was looking for a publisher for my article on a statistical analysis of stock patterns, Dr. Parish recommended the *Technical Analysis of Stocks and Commodities* journal, where my paper was indeed published and subsequently quoted in at least one book and an Internet discussion board. I am very grateful to him for recommending this journal as a suitable one for my publication. As

my career progressed, he continued to be helpful, pointing out an opening for mathematics department head at Charleston Southern University, for which I became a finalist, and writing letters of recommendation.

Dr. Parish and I stayed in touch after he moved to Charleston Southern University and I took a position in the mathematics department of Trident Technical College. One day in 1994, my girlfriend Lisa (now my wife) and I had lunch with Dr. Parish and his fiancée Yolanda Yoder. They had just gotten engaged. Shortly afterwards, Lisa and I became engaged. Al and Yolanda were guests at our wedding in December 1994 and two weeks later, we were guests at the Parish's wedding. My wife and I kept fairly regular contact with the Parish's since then, visiting in each other's home and going out to eat occasionally. Our friendship became further strengthened when their first child was born just weeks before our first child, and then in 1999 our second children were born just days apart. When Dr. Parish had a heart attack, Yolanda called us and was clearly very distraught and worried about her husband. We were all grateful that he made a full recovery, although I know that the rehabilitation regime was grueling and required great discipline.

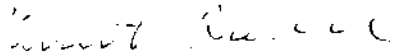
I know Dr. Parish to be a very loving husband and father who places a high value on family life. Yolanda's mother was always with them when they vacationed in North Carolina, where we visited them several times after we moved to the Upstate of South Carolina, and I observed a harmonious family life. Dr. Parish was very generous and always tried to pick up the tab when we ate out. We reciprocated as well as we could. Once or twice, Lisa, our two children and I visited the Parish's at their North Carolina vacation cottage and brought the ingredients for a fine meal and we all cooked together. Although they were clearly comfortable financially, I did not observe what I would consider an extravagant lifestyle. The children were always attentively cared for and well disciplined—more so than our children! For example, Dr. Parish made sure that his children wore shoes when they went outside while ours were used to playing barefoot.

Our conversations only rarely turned to financial matters and then usually involved general thoughts about the economic outlook. Occasionally, Dr. Parish mentioned successful investments he had made. It seemed to me that most of his major purchases (vacation property, rental property, home, jewelry, cars) were of the nature of investments, rather than consumption. This did not seem usual to me, since I had observed a similar mindset in other wealthy individuals I knew. In fact, I wished I had a better knowledge of such things as trends in diamond prices, art, and real estate so that I could benefit. Everyone wants the home they buy to turn out to be a good investment. I always respected and admired Dr. Parish. Never, however, did Lisa and I invest with him. This is mainly because we did not think it was wise to mix friendship with business.

Even now, we consider him and his family as friends. I am sorry about the mistakes he made that brought him before your Court. Nevertheless, in all business and other interactions of his which I have knowledge of, he has been honest, generous, kind, and caring. When we discussed our respective students, I could tell that he was concerned about their success, and sometimes helped them out with gifts such as a laptop computer

where there was a need. I saw him as dedicated to his job, his profession, his family, his church, and his friends. He worked tirelessly, giving many hours to speaking engagements and public service. I urge the Court to consider Dr. Parish's overall character and the value this highly intelligent man can provide to society when determining his sentence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Herbert H.J. Riedel".

Herbert H.J. Riedel, Ph.D.



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November 16, 2007

The Honorable David C. Norton
District Court of South Carolina - Charleston Division
85 Broad Street
Charleston, SC 29401

Subject: Letter of Reference regarding Al Parish

Dear Judge Norton:

I am the President and CEO of the Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce, where I have served in the capacity of the chief paid executive of this 2300 member business organization, for the past 5 ½ years. I have been in the Chamber of Commerce management business for 36 years and served as the CEO of five Chambers of Commerce primarily in the Southeastern United States. Most recently, I served as the number two staff executive of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce for five years, followed by eight years as the President and CEO of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce prior to coming to Charleston in 2002.

I am very pleased to provide comments surrounding my personal experience with Al Parish. Al served on our board of directors for three years FY2005, 2006 and 2007. During that time he was a great supporter of our Chamber of Commerce. He believed deeply in our mission and the accomplishments we were making that benefit the Charleston Region.

Some news media accounts that tried to describe his alleged behavior as a member of our board of directors were extremely inaccurate. For example, news reporter's speculation made the assumption that he came to our board meetings and networked the room in a significant way and used his board seat to aggressively promote some of his investment opportunities. I was personally shocked to hear this mischaracterization of his behavior. Al typically would enter the boardroom just before 8 a.m., get something to drink and then go sit in his seat and review the agenda and assorted materials to be discussed during the meeting. I never witnessed him promoting his investment pools among members and furthermore I did not personally even know that he had investment pools.

Al believed so firmly in the work we do at the Chamber that he wanted each of his businesses that he had a personal interest in to be strong members of our Chamber of Commerce. Al never asked me personally for anything nor did he ever ask the Chamber of Commerce to do anything for him.

In addition to serving on our board of directors, Al was very involved in our Annual Economic Forecast for the region and spoke every year at our Annual Economic Outlook Conference. A review of the past five years of his economic forecasts resulted in the discovery that his predictions were on average 78% accurate. On 18 indicators, his forecast was within 10% plus or minus of actual. After sharing this information with several economists in other parts of the country we were told that this kind of record would be considered very good and above average. We take that recognition as a pretty strong indication of the quality of his work and knowledge as an economist to be very effective and admirable.

Al participated in our Annual Economic Forecast for 18 years. Attached find additional information about the quality of his work on pages two and three of the brochure. Our relationship at the Chamber with Al Parish was 100% positive, and we had no personal experience or reason to regard him otherwise.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Van Rysselberge, CCE
President and CEO

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November 25, 2007

The Honorable David C. Norton
District Court of South Carolina
Charleston Division
85 Broad Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Dear Judge Norton:

We came to know Al Parish through our long relationship with the family into which he married. As senior pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Clearwater Florida, I, Richard Miller Hollinger, was privileged to minister to the family of Yolando Yoder Parish and to confirm her as a teenager into the life of the church. Her father was an engineer at the local Honeywell Plant in Tampa, Florida and died at an early age, and the family moved to South Carolina.

After my retirement in 1987, we moved to The Isle of Palms. We became involved in St. Matthews Lutheran Church and assisted in ministry on a part time basis. To our surprise, and joy, Yolando appeared with her fiance, Al Parish, and asked if I would marry them. It was my pleasure to perform their ceremony of their marriage.

After their marriage Al and Yolando became active members of St. Matthews Lutheran Church, participating fully in the life of the congregation through its worship, music, and education programs, as well as outreach programs to the community. At this level, I, DeLouris M. Hollinger, observed their dedication and involvement in their church.

Through the years, we have enjoyed a warm relationship with the Parish family and had many opportunities and occasions to observe Al, both within his family situation and publicly. We have found him to be a faithful loving husband and a caring and devoted father to his children. He has extended his sense of family to include the wellbeing of his widowed mother-in-law and has provided for her within his own home.

Al has a generous spirit and a willingness to share his talents in the church and the community. We were privileged to be guests at an event in which he was honored for his service to the community.

We have been participants in classes taught by Dr. Parish and have found them to be true, beneficial and helpful in our decision making.

We thank you for giving us this opportunity to share our experience with Al Parish..

Sincerely,

Richard Miller Hollinger and DeLouris M. Hollinger

The Rev. Cameron P. Keyser
3117 Linksland Road
Mount Pleasant, South Carolina 29466

The Honorable David C. Norton
District Court of South Carolina
Charleston Division
85 Broad Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Judge Norton,

Until a month ago, I served as Senior Pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church on King Street where I had the true honor of serving as Al Parish's pastor for nearly eight years. Over that time, my wife and I came to know Al and his family not only in a pastoral relationship, but as personal friends. He remains a very faithful, committed and sincere member of the congregation, worshiping weekly, having made the effort to seek permission of the Court to permit his attendance.

I have observed Al in his role as father - supporting, encouraging, and directing his children in positive, character-building ways. He and Yolanda continue to be involved in a variety of parish activities including service on our Board of Christian Education, faithful worship attendance, participation in fellowship activities, parish-wide gatherings, and children's choirs - and driving a considerable distance to do so. His willingness to assist in developing all aspects of our congregation's life in giving of his time and many talents made our time together most enjoyable.

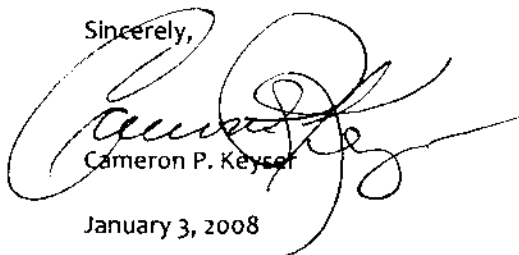
I know the entire family - including the Mothers on both sides - quite well. They are a solid, faith-oriented family who, individually and collectively, make significant personal contributions to their church and community. A few summers ago, our church Nursery was in critical need of remodeling and updating. I asked Al and Yolanda to head a task force to redo the rooms. Within two months, we had achieved a complete renovation - thanks solely to their leadership.

Judge Norton, in our positions we both see an awful lot of different folks and, while we relate to them from different perspectives, in most instances I think we can both concur with Martin Luther's observation of "simul Justus et Peccator:" that people are righteous - and at the same time sinners. Al is a fine person and makes so many positive contributions to society. I don't fully understand the legal quagmire he has become involved in, but I can both personally and professionally attest to his positive character, commitment to his family, and genuinely high moral standards.

The most transparent example of Al's true character was expressed to me less than a month ago when I was hospitalized. While I received the many calls and cards from church members, none meant nearly as much as the call I received from Al. It was a simple, heart-felt expression of his concern and a wish for renewal of health. Considering all that he is enduring and what he potentially faces, that he would care enough to make that simple call demonstrates to me the true the character and person of Al Parish.

I hope you will favorably consider my comments - and, please, call if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,



Cameron P. Keyser

January 3, 2008