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**From:** John Setlich
**To:** Phillips, Galen (USACAN)
**Cc:** Jeu, Christopher (USACAN)
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: USA v. Cassie Will-Darnall - Case Number CR 24-0292 PCP
**Date:** Thursday, May 8, 2025 2:23:57 PM

Hello Mr. Phillips,

It is my understanding that I will be representing Ms. Cassie Will in regards to her criminal proceedings. Although I have not been officially retained as of yet. Specifically, my office will be drafting a motion to dismiss the forfeiture order recently issued by the Court in the event I am retained, I would like the opportunity to discuss with you, our motion and possible resolution without filing such motion.

Secondly, it is also my understanding that current counsel will still remain on the case and I will be associated in as counsel of record as well. However, I will discuss this issue with my client.

Once I'm retained, I will notify you immediately as I am anticipating to be retained by tomorrow. If you would like to discuss the matter in more detail tomorrow, I am available.

Thank you,

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Mr. Setlich,

I represent the government in forfeiture in the above matter. I understand from counsel for the defendant, Cassie Will-Darnall, that you intend to litigate forfeiture in the criminal proceeding, which is contrary to the below email I previously received from a paralegal in your office.

If you intend to file a claim concerning forfeiture in the criminal proceeding, please let us know. In addition, if you represent Cassie Will-Darnall in any capacity, please let us know.

I am available to chat if it would be helpful.

Thank you very much.

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**From:** Merna Akhnoukh <merna@setlichlegal.com>
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Good Afternoon,

Yes our office represents Sandra Will only on case: *Will v. United States et al.*, 24cv9030.

Thank you.

**Kind Regards,**
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Merna Akhnoukh:

I received the below email from my colleague, Carolyn (CJ) Caparas. I write in response.

I understand, based on your below representation, that your office does not represent Cassie Will-Darnall in any capacity. Please let me know if I am mistaken.

We served your office because of its representation of Sandra Will in *Will v. United States et al.*, 24cv9030 (N.D. Cal.). If your office's representation of Mrs. Will is limited to just that matter, please let us know, and we will serve Mrs. Will directly concerning the subject matter.

Have a nice weekend and thank you.

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Good afternoon,

Can you please clarify why we are getting this service. As we do not represent Cassie Will.

Thank you.

**Kind Regards,**
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