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Dear Dr. Strauss,

It is with great regret that I inform you about the death of my father Judge Jerome Feiner on May 12<sup>th</sup> of this year (picture enclosed). You might recall that in February of 2007 you had performed a very high risk right sided hip replacement on him that his orthopedic surgeon at Winthrop University Hospital refused to do because of chronic osteomyelitis of his right knee that he developed in a knee replacement performed in 2001 (he had refused revision). His cause of death was not sepsis as I had feared; rather, it was aspiration pneumonia secondary to "limited" myasthenia gravis that was diagnosed 15 months before his demise (his swallowing, speech and vision were impaired).

I am writing you today to express my gratitude for the excellent quality of life he experienced three years that the operation was able to give him and I know that he was grateful for your efforts as well. Although he never returned to work after his hip surgery as he had wished, he enjoyed holding court in his house and was fully involved in an active social life that involved his friends and family.

Thank you again for all of your efforts.

Respectfully,

Dr. Clifford Feiner  
Chief, Division of Geriatric Medicine