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RE: Jon Jones Appeal regarding December 9, 2009 (the "Bout")

Dear Mr. Ciotoli and Mr. Marino:

Thank you for your letter received December 12, 2009, to the Chairman of the Nevada State Athletic Commission (the "Commission") regarding the above-referenced Bout. As the Commission's legal counsel, the Commission has asked that I respond to you.

While I understand your disappointment with the outcome of the Bout, especially given your client's performance during the Bout, there is no protest procedure to challenge or overturn a decision based on the allegations made in your letter. See Nevada Administrative Code Section 467.770. In all bouts the referee must make numerous judgment calls. In the instant matter, Mr. Jones struck Mr. Hamill with one or more downward elbows in violation of NAC 706.7962(10), and the referee determined that said strikes were intentional fouls. Further, the downward elbow strikes left Mr. Hamill unable to continue in the judgment of the referee due to lacerations either caused or exacerbated by said strikes, and therefore Mr. Jones was subject to disqualification pursuant to NAC 706.698(1). The referee's performance was consistent with the Commission's concern for the safety and welfare of the unarmed combatants.

I would also direct your attention to NAC 467.713, which outlines the termination of a bout due to injury to one of the unarmed combatants and states that "the referee shall determine whether a contest or exhibition should be stopped because of an injury to an unarmed combatant." While this is sometimes accomplished by the referee in consultation with a ringside physician, there is no requirement for the referee to consult

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with anyone outside the fenced area in making such a determination. The referee in the instant matter did not determine any consultation was required based on the circumstances surrounding the injury.

Consequently, there is no action the Commission can take in response to your letter. Please contact me directly at the number below if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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