

AN ENTHUSIASTIC RECOMMENDATION FOR MICHAEL F. BRINKASH AND ASSOCIATES,

SURVEYORS, OF ASHLAND, PA.

Truly with great pleasure and honor, I am writing this personal and professional recommendation for Michael F. Brinkash, Sr., and for his entire surveying and engineering staff. I am 63 years old, and can wholeheartedly say that a more honest, hardworking, steadfast, intelligent, and determined man I have never had the honor to have known and worked with than Mike Brinkash. Indeed, in this day and age [2013], it seems sad to say that such old fashioned honesty and tedious commitment as Mike has shown me for four years has become a rare thing indeed.

To summarize his work: in 1979-1980 the young Mike Brinkash contracted with my father and two contiguous neighbors to survey and partition over 200 wooded and mountainous acres held in common by these three neighbors. This was the first time a true metes and bounds survey had ever been conducted for this land [located in Union County, Pa], and as such was no simple chore, since it was described by very old and oftentimes ambiguous deeds. However, Mike accomplished this large survey expeditiously and thoroughly in the dead of winter, and the resulting deed was duly recorded in the County Courthouse.

Life proceeded well until 2008, when another contiguous neighbor to my father's land[but not party to the land held in common], filed a civil Complaint against my father's now partitioned boundary, a boundary mutually respected since 1952. When no easy settlement was accepted, Mike most graciously volunteered to defend his 1980 survey. Truly it must be said that without Mike's support, our family could not have sustained a four year lawsuit [2008-2012]. In effect, Mike saved the day for our weary family.

Not only did Mike Brinkash, Sr. and his associates devote their valuable time for over 48 months to personally encourage and inform us in this difficult legal battle, but even more, he laid out extensive arguments and legal strategies for our attorney, and remained available during this entire period to answer the many questions that our lawyer and I posed to him. Indeed, not only did he and his staff prepare a detailed initial Surveyor's Report for the Court, but when trial was several times delayed, also consented to rewrite and enlarge the original Report, in effect more than doubling its length and detail, and adding many explanatory maps and charts. This Report and his sage advice had without question much to do with our winning this difficult lawsuit.

As did Mike's professional testimony in Court. Delivered in his uniquely vivacious, determined, yet factual and highly professional manner, and complimented by his many maps and arguments, Mike's testimony won the day. As I sat by my attorney, I felt genuinely proud and

confident that he was winning the Case for us. His laborious research had finally paid off for all of us.

Yet never did Mike need to take credit nor seek praise for his great work, even though he deserved both, because beyond all else, one is always impressed by Mike's utter humility and grace. Indeed, he is among the quickest of all men I have known to compliment all others for their good work, and obviously this quality helps cement the teamwork exhibited daily at his Company.

In the end, all who hire licensed surveyors Mike Brinkash, his Associates, and his Sons can truly retire any worry, since they can trust that Mike's work will be accomplished to the very highest professional and ethical standards, with alacrity, diligence, and reasonable expense, while enjoying the company of a truly honorable and highly competent gentleman.

Respectfully submitted.

David R. Johnson [Lewisburg,Pa.]