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Bruce,

I already spoken with John Stecco this morning. This is Sharon Grider's case and she is out of the office. John is going to have her call me as soon as he can get in touch with her. John agrees with me that the issue hinges, not on any violation of the Rules (of which there is none), but on whether this type of dispute is within the scope of the arbitration agreement signed by every distributor. Sharon ultimately will make the call on that, but based on my discussion with John, I doubt you will be upset with her decision. At this point the Company is not involved (nor does it seek to become involved). If Gooch does seek to bring them in, then I suspect he will be disappointed with the outcome. As I mentioned to you before, there is still the possibility that I may be disqualified from representing you if the Company objects, given my representation of them in an unrelated matter. Again, John's personal view is that there should not be a problem, but Sharon must decide. In the meantime, please do not discuss this arbitration or the merits of your dispute with Gooch with anyone else, aside from Wendy, unless you consult me first. I will keep you advised as things develop.

Regards,

Don

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