

Dear Colleagues and Members of the Legal Community:

24 years ago, we founded MTMP on the principle that if like minded individuals dedicated to the rights of the injured and disenfranchised could come together to educate, organize, strategize and plan, our efforts to better represent our clients and change our world would be tremendously enhanced.

As I look back on our efforts over the last quarter of a century, the one word that comes to mind is "family."

Yes, I believe that we are a family of right-minded people with many common interests and an overarching dedication to the rights of people: all people.

As a professional family, we freely exchange ideas and agree to cooperate in our efforts to better represent our clients. One purpose of MTMP is to provide a mechanism and vehicle to promote and foster open discussion and communication.

Last year, after the release of the movie "Dark Waters", MTMP invited Mark Ruffalo to speak on a PFAS panel with Rob Bilott and I. Ruffalo not only portrayed Rob, an environmental activist and attorney, in the movie, but is an environmental activist himself, dedicated to helping clean our water.

All this occurred long before October 7 and the Academy Awards Ceremony.

While Ruffalo's attendance at MTMP was ONLY intended to relate to the important legal issues and proceedings surrounding the PFAS contamination of our water supply, we have listened and we have heard you.

We understand that the Israeli-Hamas war is a critically important issue to most of our MTMP family. The feelings we all have deserve to be discussed. However, I do not want the good meaning of our conference to get consumed by that discussion.

Therefore, at the cost of forfeiting his fee, we are cancelling Mark Ruffalo and removing him from our agenda at this upcoming MTMP.

As we have shown our support for you, please show support for us. Support simply means come to the conference -- bring your partners and associates -- and join our family of people devoted to the pursuit of Justice.

I look forward to seeing each of you in 2 weeks.

