**An Open Letter to Lawyers, Law Enforcement, and Criminal Justice Community**

Dear Friend,

As a member of the legal community, you may come in contact with those who have been adversely affected by the sexual behavior of a family member or friend. Sexaholism is an addiction just like any other addiction—with the same elements of loss of control, tendency to continue the damaging behavior despite negative consequences, and the need to do more of the behavior to get the same result. Also, like other addictions, sexaholism affects the whole family.

S-Anon International Family Groups is a fellowship of the relatives and friends of sexually addicted people who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems. Our program of recovery is adapted from Alcoholics Anonymous and is based on the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

The S-Anon program offers help and hope to families, friends and co-workers of sexaholics in crisis, who will find a supportive environment in S-Anon’s 12-Step meetings. We would like to make you aware of our program of recovery as one of the tools available to help family members and friends of sexaholics rebuild their lives.

We recommend that you encourage your clients (or their family members) to contact us before attending any of our meetings. This connects your client or their family member with a person they can ask questions of, and it helps them to feel less isolated with their problems. Contacting S-Anon can also lessen their fear about the group, and offer them hope. It may also give them a contact at their first meeting, which will help them feel welcome.( into the group.)

If you (feel) a client (or their family member) would benefit from our program, and would like to connect them with a personal contact at their first S-Anon meeting, please call our helpline(hotline) and we will arrange the initial interaction.

Thank you for your interest in our program, and for allowing us to work together with you to offer help and healing for the effects of sexual addiction in our community. Please let us know if we can be of further service to you. We can be reached via our local hotline (insert phone number) or through the S-Anon International Family Groups at: (800) 210-8141 or (615) 833-3152, or e-mail: sanon@sanon.org.

Sincerely yours,

(insert Intergroup or local meeting information here)