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## MEMORANDUM

**TO: ALL INTERESTED DEFENSE COUNSEL AND THEIR CLIENTS**

**FROM: NATIONAL LEGAL PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATES**

**NAME: RAJI**

**RE: DON'T TAKE CHANCES AT SENTENCING, HIRE NLPA!**

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NLPA has been battling lengthy sentences for years, and will continue to do so as long as the courts keep dishing them out. The pivotal point in any battle occurs before it begins, when both sides are preparing for combat. Proper preparation is the key to victory, whether the battle occurs in a theater of war, on a football field, or in the courtroom. NLPA arms attorneys with the weapons they need to succeed at sentencing, which is by far one of the most crucial phases of the criminal process. A recent example is the case of United States v. Raji, Case No. 02-CR-196-1, USDC, Northern District of Georgia.

In Raji, the Defendant was indicted for violations of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B), (b)(1)(C) and § 846. Mr. Raji negotiated a plea agreement with the government, and subsequently entered a guilty plea to three counts of the indictment. By the time his presentence investigation report was completed, Mr. Raji was facing a mandatory minimum sentence of 30 years, and had been found to be a "career offender" by the United States Probation Office. Realizing that he was getting more than he bargained for, Mr. Raji hired NLPA to assist counsel with sentencing arguments. NLPA and Mr. Raji's attorney, Barry Hazen of Atlanta Georgia, teamed up to fashion arguments in support of a more lenient sentence.

At sentencing, after considering the arguments prepared by NLPA and Mr. Hazen, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia imposed a sentence of 48 months incarceration. For those of you keeping score, that is a full 312 months (26 years) less than the minimum sentence calculated by the government!

NLPA continues to be at the forefront of developing criminal law. If you or your clients need assistance with sentencing issues or any other area of developing law, NLPA's resources and experience can provide you with the most up to the minute research and arguments available.

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