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Dear Linda

I have been giving a lot of thought in the last week or so to the commitments I have in my life at the moment. It must be disappointingly obvious to you that I have missed the last two meetings - on both occasions there were emergencies for clients which could not be put off until later that day or the next day and I'll be late for the Thursday meeting.

This happens with distressing regularity and will no doubt continue to do so given that I am working in the Family Law jurisdiction. On top of that, we are moving house again and Ian is even more tied up time-wise than I am so I know who will be doing a lot of the work.

I feel it is not fair to the other members of the ADRA committee that I am so erratic and I have always felt very strongly that, if I were not able to operate properly on a committee, it was beholden upon me to step down and give other people the chance to contribute.

My problem of course is that my normal working day is 8.00 am to 7.00 pm. I rarely ever finish before then and of course my clients are aware that I can be contactable. That is of course why I suggested in my letter to you concerning mediation work at the CJC that I would be available from between 7.00 and 7.30 each night.

I would therefore be most appreciative if you would accept this letter as my resignation from both the honorary secretaryship and on the committee of ADRA.

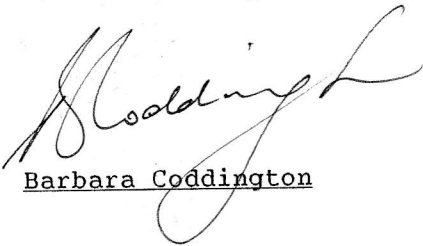
This does not mean of course that I will lessen my interest in mediation either by working as a mediator as and when I can or pressing for mediation to be more widely accepted by the legal profession.

I am looking forward to being able to be more involved when I am not working long hours quite so constantly.

I know it seems a long way away but I fully intend to be only working on a part-time basis within the next five or six years and feel that at that time I will be able to give proper time to such activities as being on the committee of ADRA.

Thank you for your forbearance in the past.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'B. Coddington', written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a large loop at the end.

Barbara Coddington