

EXHIBIT 12

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Re: Edwards adv. Epstein

Dear Mr. Scarola:

As you may know, I was Jeffrey Epstein's attorney when he submitted his guilty plea. Accordingly, "any knowledge" I may have in connection with that plea is privileged information. If you would let me know what non-privileged information you would seek from me, I would then be able to decide whether to cooperate.

Sincerely,


Alan M. Dershowitz