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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mayor Shawn Reilly
201 Delafield Street
Waukesha, WI 53186

Re: Administrative Appeals Review Board Committee

Dear Mayor Reilly:

Attached for your consideration for a position on the Administrative Review Appeals Board for the City of Waukesha, and for the consideration of others involved in this process, please find my resume. If you require any additional information, please contact me.

By way of background, my husband Bill and I have been residents of the City of Waukesha since 2003 (we live close to Waukesha West High School). Bill was raised here in the City of Waukesha and I went to school in the suburbs of the South Side of Milwaukee. We knew we wanted to raise our family here in the City of Waukesha and we are so thankful and blessed to be here. We have three children who are attending schools here in Waukesha, and both Bill and I work here in the City. I would be honored to serve on the Board and would also be available for the November 29, 2016 meeting.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Michelle M. Stoeck

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Enclosure

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OVERVIEW

Michelle has been an attorney for sixteen years. In law school she clerked for the United States Attorneys' Office and then served as in-house counsel for Wisconsin Gas until its merger with WE Energies. She then worked for nine years in civil litigation with an insurance defense firm, where she tried cases and served as her firm's chief appellate counsel, before leaving to start her own practice in estate planning, family law and business law while raising her young children (one with hearing loss). She was asked to join Phillips & Gemignani, LLC in March of 2016, and continues to practice in family law, estate planning and business law matters. Michelle and her husband, Bill, have been City of Waukesha residents since 2003.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

PHILLIPS & GEMIGNANI, LLC Waukesha, Wisconsin *Associate*, March 2016 to Present

- ***Estate Planning*** (wills, living trusts, incapacitation planning);
- ***Family Law*** (family law matters); and
- ***Business Law Issues*** (business formation, contract drafting and review, employment issues, collections, litigation).

LAW OFFICE OF MICHELLE M. STOECK, LLC Waukesha, Wisconsin *Owner*, June 2009 to March 2016

My firm provided high-quality, affordable legal services in the following areas:

- ***Estate Planning*** (wills, living trusts, incapacitation planning);
- ***Family Law*** (custody, paternity, divorce matters); and
- ***Business Law Issues*** (business formation, contract drafting and review, employment issues, collections, litigation).

HILLS LEGAL GROUP, LTD. Waukesha, Wisconsin *Senior Associate*, November 2002 to June 2009
Associate, September 2000 to November, 2002

- Specialized in complex tort litigation for business and individual disputes (primarily defense sided) (including product liability lawsuits, negligence lawsuits, medical and lawyer malpractice lawsuits), insurance coverage disputes and appellate matters.
- Provided support to the senior litigation team while handling independent caseload in the state and federal courts.
- Successfully defended large and small claim civil jury trials.
- Served as firm's chief motion and brief writer (both at the circuit and appellate levels), authoring and co-authoring hundreds of briefs (including dozens of appellate and supreme court briefs).
- Assisted with the development and implementation of litigation and marketing strategies, including serving as co-author and co-editor of client newsletters and as a preparer and presenter at client and colleague information and training seminars.
- Provided training and mentoring to junior associates.

- UNITED STATES ATTORNEY OFFICE, Milwaukee, Wisconsin** *Law Clerk*, December 1999 to May 2000

- Active Volunteer as Pro Bono Counsel with Legal Aid Society

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Superintendent Advisory Council Representative

Christmas Clearing House Council Member

Women's Center Volunteer

Rose Glen Elementary School (Waukesha County) PTO Legal Counsel

SC Waukesha Traveling Soccer Team Manager

Mount Calvary Preschool Volunteer

Wife and mother of three children (12, 10 and 4 years old), one with hearing loss

OTHER EXPERIENCE

QUARLES & BRADY, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Legal Secretary, Municipal Finance Group, May 1998 to July 1999. Assisted with the creation of municipal borrowing packages.

COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE PROGRAM, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Advocate for Abused and Neglected Children, September 1996 to September 2000. Volunteer advocate for children in the post-dispositional phase by case review and visitation with the child, family, social service agencies, medical providers, and GAL attorneys to facilitate court-ordered protection and services.

STATE OF WISCONSIN PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, TRIAL DIVISION, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Volunteer Intern and Public Defender Representative, May 1995 to December 1996. Participated in the intake process, assisted staff with case development.

SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Program Assistant and Student Coordinator, August 1994 to May 1997. Enrolled students in community service agencies for direct experience related to course work. Wrote, edited and published newsletters. Planned training sessions with staff. Led student reflections journal and evaluation sessions.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY JAIL, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Jail Volunteer, October 1994 to May 1996. Assisted with tutoring programs for the incarcerated.

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Volunteer, August 1993 to May 1997. Agencies included: Children's Hospital, Children's Outing Association, Penfield's Children Center, Project Involve, Citizens Against Handgun Violence Campaign, House of Peace, Milwaukee Center for Independence, Sojourner Truth House Childcare and Crisis Line, Benedict Center and Project Return, The Gathering, Hope House, Hunger Clean-Up, Midnight Run Team.