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Re: Confirmation of Margaret Plane to the Utah Court of Appeals

Dear Senators,

I am writing on behalf of the Utah State Bar's Board of Bar Commissioners to express our support for Margaret Plane to serve as a judge on the Utah Court of Appeals. The Board consists of two Court-appointed public members and thirteen elected lawyers who represent the 13,000 lawyers in the state directing the policies, regulatory programs and public services of the Bar. I am currently serving as the Bar President.

Margaret has been an ex-officio member of the Bar Commission for over ten years while serving as one of the Bar's delegates to the American Bar Association's House of Delegates and then representing the members of the American Bar Association in Utah in the House.

She has constantly served as a voice of focus, reason, logic and compassion during what is often a very wide-ranging discussion with opposing opinions, creative ideas and interesting controversy. Margaret is a welcome contribution to our problem solving because her ideas are presented in an organized, thoughtful, respectful, and consensus-building manner. She is inciteful and detail-oriented. She respects the rule of law and the liberty and protection it provides.

We are grateful that she wishes to engage in public service as a judge and believe that the state would benefit from her work on the bench. Margaret is fair and has a calming influence. We believe she would contribute greatly in assuring justice for everyone.

Sincerely,

Heather Farnsworth  
Utah State Bar President