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

Dear Mr. Howe:

I am reaching out to you to express my enthusiastic support of the Senate confirmation of Margaret Plane to the Utah Court of Appeals. Ms. Plane served as my former supervisor and former professional new lawyer mentor. She is a wonderful leader and serves as the best example of what a lawyer should be.

As a leader, she led with grace, strived to make the workplace better for all staff, and continually promoted excellence in our work. Ms. Plane is also a leader in the legal community. She helped establish the New Lawyer Training Program, participates in the American Bar Association, is the president of the Aldon J. Anderson Inn of Court, won the Mentor of Year award from the Woman Lawyers of Utah in 2009, and just this year, won the Woman Lawyer of the Year award from the Women Lawyers of Utah.

Ms. Plane is a natural leader in part because she is dedicated to and is sincerely interested in learning and writing about the law. Not only does Ms. Plane already have a very robust understanding of many local, state, and federal laws acquired through her previous positions, she has an amazing ability to learn new areas of the law and learn them quickly. She never hesitates to tackle complicated legal issues, and, when she does not understand an area of the law, she is not afraid to ask for help. She is so committed to bettering her skills that she is known to read Bryan Garner's books on legal writing in her spare time.

I have no doubt that Ms. Plane will dedicate herself to the rule of law and work tirelessly to serve all Utahns. With her experience and genuine enthusiasm for the law, she would be an excellent addition to the Utah Court of Appeals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AP', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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