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Dear Elizabeth:

I thank you for the opportunity to comment on the impressive work of Lori Swanson.

I worked alongside Lori Swanson as a Deputy Attorney General for eight years. She is extremely diligent and a delightful person with a great sense of humor. Most important, Lori has a strong sense of right and wrong and is very compassionate with those who have no voice.

Lori understands the importance of reviewing files and prioritizing issues. She has the ability to stay focused and apply the “big/little” test to law and public policy. Because of the hours and days spent on developing a case, too often an attorney will “fall in love” with a case and not take the time to step back and fully consider its merits in context. Consequently, one of the most difficult things to discuss with an attorney is the closing of a file because the facts simply do not merit further prosecution. In our work together, Lori was superb at reviewing files and, if the public policy import had diminished or lessened, getting the case resolved so that the attorney and other staff in the office could devote more time to a more significant issue.

Lori is a top-notch attorney who knows how to develop a sense of professionalism in a large law office like that of the Attorney General’s.

Sincerely,



Ken Peterson