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Dear Elizabeth:

Please accept this letter as a wholehearted endorsement of Attorney General Lori Swanson. I was a protégé of hers for nearly four years, and I must say it was a very rewarding experience. She was an outstanding mentor, having the intelligence, the drive and sense of professionalism that gave me direction as a young lawyer.

I left the Attorney General's Office in 2003 to join Felhaber, Larson, Fenlon & Vogt as a litigator. Felhaber is a fairly large law firm with offices in Minneapolis and St. Paul. I believe my experience in working for Lori was a key part of my foundation as an attorney at this firm. I was personally surprised by the amount of "face time" Lori was willing to spend with young lawyers, particularly given her busy schedule as a Deputy in the Office. She clearly likes to coach the talented, younger lawyers and give them space to develop their skills. While working for Lori, I managed many large matters and took a number of cases to trial or administrative hearing, including cases involving medical fraud, deceptive consumer practices and insurance fraud. Lori always took the time to provide counsel, and was extremely helpful in giving direction on issues concerning the ethical responsibility of attorneys.

You ask about what distinguishes Lori as a lawyer. One of Lori's most interesting qualities is that she has a very strong interest in helping people. She believes in reading the mail and answering calls from the citizens. She was big on getting lawyers to participate in communicating with the public. A number of former staff lawyers complained about having to respond to the citizens. They couldn't adjust to the idea of a government agency that is responsive to the people. Frankly, I think the effort has tremendous value to the lawyer. Communication with the public goes both ways--it helps the citizens but also helps the government lawyer remember that their work has an effect on the daily lives of the people of Minnesota.

Please pass on to Lori my congratulations for a job well done as Attorney General.

Very truly yours,



Donald Heeman