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Lee County Auditor
P.O. Box 190
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Re: Lee County Attorney Position

Dear Auditor:

I am attaching herewith my Resume', together with references, and would appreciate the Lee County Board of Supervisors considering me for the position of Lee County Attorney.

Since beginning my practice, I have specialized in criminal law, and have had the opportunity to work with many Judges, deputies, attorneys, witnesses and clients, as is reflected on my Resume'. It has always been my desire to work in criminal law, and my ultimate goal to be a prosecutor. As a young attorney in Lee County, I have been fortunate to achieve a successful practice, and have acquired the skills and training necessary to such a practice.

I am a life-long resident of Lee County, Iowa, and enjoy and appreciate the life and advantages of living in Southeast Iowa. My home is in West Point, Iowa, a community which I thoroughly appreciate, and a place where I intend to stay and raise my family. I am deeply rooted in this area, and to be given the opportunity to serve as the Lee County Attorney would be a role in which I would take great pride and which I would perform to my utmost ability.

Thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing my application, and I look forward to hearing from you.

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By: 
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EDUCATION

Southern Illinois University School of Law, Carbondale, IL

Juris Doctor, December 2011

Bar Admission State of Iowa, 2012

- Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International member

Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL

Bachelors of Science in Psychology, December 2008

Minor in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration

- Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Chapter member
- Chair of LSAT preparations for pre-law
- Department scholar in Psychology Department
- Outstanding Academic Achievement Award in Psychology
- Dean's List
- Golden Key National Honors Society member
- Psi-Chi National Honors Society of Psychology member

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Saunders & Braden Law Firm, Fort Madison, IA

Legal Partner, April 2012-Present

- Private Practice Attorney-Specializing in Criminal Law
- Contracted Court Appointed Attorney
- Contracted Drug Court Defense Counsel
- Criminal Defense Bench Trials
- Criminal Defense Jury Trials
- Dealt with Media Exposure and Defended High Profile Case
- Interviews with D.C.I. and F.B.I. Investigators
- Consultations with Forensic Toxicologists and Psychologists in Defense Preparations
- Probation Violation Hearings and other criminal hearings
- Routine court appearances
- Depositions/Interviews with witnesses and clients
- Conduct factual investigations, research, and write legal briefs
- Counsel clients in legal matters
- Juvenile, Delinquency, Child In Need of Assistance and Guardian Ad Litem Work
- Civil Litigation, including Domestic
- Presented Oral Argument to Court of Appeals
- Public Nuisance and Injunctions
- Speaker for Criminal Law Seminar with Drug Court Team
- Guest Instructor for Chad Donaldson, in an Interrogations Course at Southeastern Community College
- Proficient in Legal Research – Westlaw, Lexis Nexis