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TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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Via Email and Regular U.S. Mail

Helen Stone, Chair  
20th Judicial District Judicial Performance Commission  
4710 Table Mesa Drive, Ste. B  
Boulder, CO 80305

Re: Judicial Evaluation of Judge Karolyn Moore

Dear Ms. Stone:

It is my pleasure to provide observations and comments to the Judicial Evaluation Commission as part of the evaluation process of Judges of the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District. As I have mentioned many times, Colorado has an excellent judiciary and the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, in particular, has an excellent set of judges dispensing justice in both civil and criminal matters. The intent of my office in providing written comments about each judge is to make certain that the point of view of my deputies who appear in front of many of these judges several times a day is included in the evaluation process undertaken by your Committee. Also, I believe, as District Attorney, part of my job involves providing input to the public about our judges and passing along helpful suggestions to the bench. Although, occasionally, every judge issues a legal ruling with which my staff does not agree, those are matters for the appellate courts, not for the Judicial Evaluations Committee.

This year, there are nine judges up for evaluation. We will provide separate, written comments on each one addressed to you, with copies to the reviewed Judge and to the Chief Judge of the Judicial District.

Judge Moore was appointed to the criminal bench in January 2011. Judge Moore is an excellent trial court judge. She knows the Rules of Evidence and Procedure well and applies them equally and fairly. She keeps trials running smoothly and is timely in her decision making. Though her judicial demeanor is quite detached, she tends to warm and become more animated when dealing with jurors and members of the public, which helps those unfamiliar with the court system feel more comfortable. It is worth noting that cases on Judge Moore's docket don't seem to process as quickly as in other divisions, though the reasons for this are unclear and we have been

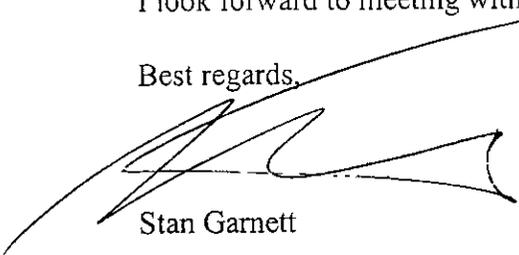
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evaluating our internal process to help where possible. There is no doubt Judge Moore works very hard and is diligent. She is an excellent judge.

Judge Moore should be retained.

I look forward to meeting with you on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Best regards,



Stan Garnett

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cc: The Honorable Karolyn Moore  
The Honorable Maria Berkenkotter