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To Whom it May Concern:

Although, as a criminal defense attorney, I spend very little time in the Water Court, I'm writing to recommend Bina R. Peters for the position as Water Court Judge. I had the opportunity to know Biana early in her legal career, and she and I've followed her career ever since. In her time with our firm, Bina was highly intelligent and quick to correctly analyze legal issues. Over the years, I've seen both skills honed far beyond what they were as a young lawyer.

I should note that, although Bina was quick to analyze, she was very deliberate in her thinking and careful to analyze all sides of the issue. It is a poor attorney who does not play both sides of the chess board, and Bina was always thinking about both sides.

A final note about Bina: during the time that I've know her, it is clear she loves our great state and its history. I'm a 3d generation Montanan and I have kids. My wife and I grew up and still own land in Teton County. Water is our most precious resource and its use and access require skilled legal analysis to balance a variety of interests and historical rights and uses. I can't think of a better person to balance all aspects of this vitally important resource than Bina.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call me on my cell at: (406) 531-7724.

Regards.

Colin

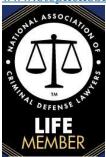


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