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Chief Appellate Deputy District Attorney Office of the District Attorney Denver, Colorado

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-(Company's first in-house counsel) general corporate and computer law

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Justice Holmes rightly deplored that the practical-minded undervalued the importance of jurisprudence. Jurisprudence is the philosophy and science of law. Jurisprudence is the root of the law that we practice. A lawyer who is ignorant of or pays no heed to jurisprudence only ploddingly plies a trade. A knowledge of jurisprudence enables a lawyer to apply resourcefully and credibly broad rules to particular cases.

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6. <u>Faithful performance of the lawyer's duty to client</u>. The lawyer's obligation to the client has remained constant for almost 600 years. In Blackstone's Commentaries, we read:

"So early as the statute 4 Henry IV c. 18 it was enacted, that attorneys should be examined by the judges, and none admitted but such as were virtuous, learned and sworn to their duty."

No more stringent fiduciary duty exists than that between lawyer and client. Yet, in the most recent calendar year for which figures are available, grievances filed against lawyers in our country -- exclusive of malpractice claims -- numbered 32,000. The most frequent breaches of the lawyer's duty were defrauding clients, representing conflicting interests, negligent handling of clients' affairs, such as failing to file meritorious claims before expiration of the statutory limitations, gross overcharging, charging for work not done, and incompetence. What an evil list!

The lawyer's duty to client is simply stated: to serve the client with integrity, fidelity, and competence. Whether fulfillment of that duty be easy or burdensome, the duty remains the same.

7. <u>Service to the Organized Bar</u>. We would be inexcusably naive not to recognize that public respect for law, lawyers, and judges is now at a dangerously low ebb. I grant you that this is not a new phenomenon. As long ago as the New Testament, St. Luke's Gospel declares,

> "Woe unto you, ye lawyers! For ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne . . . "

We all recall the famous line in Shakespeare's Henry VI:

"The first thing we do, let's kill all the lawyers." But let me be more current. The May 11, 1981, issue of U.S. News and World Report has emblazoned on its cover, "Why Lawyers are in the Doghouse", with a picture of a lawyer in a doghouse. The bold-print caption to the article reads:

> "Courtroom blunders, fee gouging, outright crookedness --the string of allegations lengthens everyday. Bar leaders concede that restoring people's confidence in the legal profession will be a big chore."

A four-page article follows, replete with statistics and examples of misconduct. The article points out that in the recent ABC-News-Harris survey, when Americans were asked to list institutions in which they had "high

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confidence", law firms were last in a list of 13. Only 13 percent of the persons polled favorably mentioned lawyers.

The task of rehabilitating the legal profession to its former status of the most honored profession is a heavy but necessary one. Public respect for law, public confidence in the judicial system by which law is administered, and public faith in lawyers are essential to fulfillment of the American ideals of liberty and justice.

I have not the time nor the wisdom to say how all this is to be accomplished. But I subscribe to the belief of the great jurist Learned Hand:

"It is not in books that the law can live but in the consciousness of the profession as a whole."

I urge you, therefore, to give unstinting service to the organized bar; local and state bar associations, as well as the American Bar Association. I commend this course to you, because the conjoined efforts of all able and honest lawyers can more effectively, than by separate effort, purify the wellsprings of our profession.

I trust that each of you will exert the strength and enthusiasm of your youth to restore a learned, fearless, independent, and esteemed bar.

8. <u>Ethical Conduct</u>. Although mentioned last, I submit that the primary attribute of a lawyer should be ethical conduct, in every circumstance and always. "Ethics" is derived from the Greek work which pertains to character, so when I speak of ethics for a lawyer, I speak of a lawyer's character. But I do not propose to inflict textbook discourse on legal ethics. You have all taken a required course in Legal Ethics while in law school.

Rather, let me express some personal observations. The cliche to obey not only the letter but the spirit of the law is not a cliche in the context of legal ethics. To know the contents of the Code of Professional Responsibility and to keep apprised of newly issued advisory ethics opinions are basic obligations -- but they do not suffice. To be an ethical lawyer demands a commitment of spirit and a respect for what is right.

Let me state some specific observations. I have come to believe that an incompetent lawyer cannot be an ethical lawyer. When the client pays a fee to the lawyer, the client justifiably expects and is entitled to skilled legal service. For the young lawyer, this is not an insuperable task: Learn

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how to do it before you do it, although for the first few years of practice the law library may seem your only habitat. The world of the legal practitioner demands practical and effective legal work.

Competence alone, of course, does not equate with legal ethics. A lawyer should repudiate the doctrine that the end justifies the means. The legal profession should not tolerate the lawyer who believes and practices that the "name of the game" is winning, no matter how the victory be won.

If these views seem harsh, I remind you of the high purposes of the legal profession: To nurture an orderly society by aiding to solve the numerous and diverse questions -- legal and constitutional -- to which the daily affairs and business of our society give rise; to foster and protect the rights of all persons; and, to promote justice. These purposes provide a noble and continuing challenge, which only a legal profession with a high ethical standard can meet.

The new lawyer properly asks: how do I know whether in a particular matter my conduct would be ethical? No simple answer could be adequate, but I can give you several guides. I remember the first time when I heard a lawyer rebuked for his conduct. A distinguished jurist in open court said to my opposing counsel: "Young man, I caution you. A lawyer should be like Caesar's wife, above suspicion." What a memorable way to express the ethical canon that "a lawyer should avoid even the appearance of professional impropriety." To this canon I add "in both the lawyer's legal and social pursuits." I would add this because from the instant when you will be sworn in as a member of the bar, you have the status of a lawyer, with its obligations, every second of your life. This obligation includes behavior that will restore to our profession the dignity that its practice should deserve.

My personal guidelines to ethical behavior are quite homely. One is that being ethical is like being pregnant. Either you are or you are not. Similarly, a lawyer cannot be somewhat ethical in handling a legal matter. My other guideline is this: If you ask yourself whether you may ethically do something, don't do it. The fact that the question arose in your mind is itself sufficient warning not to take the proposed action. Borderline ethical conduct may conform to the letter, but is contrary to the spirit, of the ethical standards of our profession.

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I urge you not to be tolerant of those lawyers who demean the profession that they have been privileged to join, and paraphrase the great text of John Donne:

> "No lawyer is an island, entire of itself . . . any lawyer's betrayal of the lawyer's trust diminishes me as a lawyer."

If you are thinking that my views are inconsistent with earning good profits from you chosen means of livelihood, I give my personal assurance, based upon experience, that this is not so.

Indeed I caution you that to survive the realities of law practice, you should promptly discard any illusions about our profession. But never discard your ideals.

If what I have been saying seems to be a preachment, I do not apologize. The only feeling that could fill my heart is that somehow on this special day, for you and for me, I could kindle in each of your hearts an inextinguishable fire to become dedicated lawyers, who improve the legal profession and give honest and skillful legal service. If I fail to kindle that fire, at least I tried, and the failure will have been mind, not yours-- for that I apologize.

In concluding, I share with you Sir Francis Bacon's words, which I have altered only so as to include myself as a woman lawyer. In 1630, he wrote:

> "I hold every lawyer a debtor to the lawyer's profession, from that which as lawyers of course do seek to receive ...profit, so ought they of duty endeavor themselves by way of amends to be a help and ornament thereunto; this is performed in some degree, by the honest and liberal practice of a profession, when lawyers shall carry a respect not to descend into any court that is corrupt, and unworthy thereof, and preserve themselves free from the abuses wherewith the same profession is noted to be infected; but much more is this performed, if a lawyer be able to visit and strengthen the roots and foundation of the science itself, thereby not only gracing it in reputation and dignity, but also amplifying it in perfection and substance."

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"To thine own self be true, and do what thou hast to do."

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Edwin Muse, III Counselor to the President Executive Office of the President The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Court

Re: Application of Woman Lawyer to be considered for appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Dear Mr. Muse:

This is my request to be considered for appointment to the Supreme Court of the United States, submitted with gratitude that our President has made this application practicable for a woman lawyer.

Because I have been an active practitioner at the Bar for over 35 years, a summary of my credentials is enclosed. Details of my professional experience, including numerous trials and appeals, are available upon request.

I have purposely made no contact with the persons whose names are listed as references, so as to assure that you will receive unbiased comment concerning my qualifications.

The length and breadth of my professional experience cannot alone serve to tell you about me as a lawyer. I have, therefore, also enclosed my commencement address to the 1981 law graduates of the University of Colorado. I believe that this address evidences my dedication to the legal profession, my faith in our system of justice, and my concern for the improvement of both.

This application is submitted with humility, aspiration, and trust that my qualifications will merit your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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TO: Fred Fielding

FROM: EDWIN THOMAS Assistant Counsellor to the President

The attached was received by Edwin Meese III and requires special handling by your office and staff for response.

Please handle as appropriate and forward a copy of your response with the incoming to Ellen Strichartz, Room 35 OEOB, Ext 7489.

Thank you.

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June 22, 1981

Edwin Meese, III Counselor to the President Executive Office of the President The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D.C. 20500

Re: Successor to Justice Potter Stewart

Court

Dear Mr. Meese:

Enclosed please find copies of the letter and resume of Brooke Wunnicke which I have submitted to Attorney General Smith for consideration in filling the position vacated by Justice Potter Stewart.

Your favorable consideration would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Meyer

4893 N. Lariat Drive Castle Rock, Colorado 80104

June 24, 1981

The Honorable William French Smith Attorney General for the United States of America Constitution Avenue & 10th, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20530

Re: Brooke Wunnicke, Esq. 175 South Eudora Street (residence) Denver, Colorado 80222 Home: (303) 388-1071; Office: (303) 575-5933

Dear Attorney General Smith:

It was with great interest that I read of the resignation of Justice Potter Stewart from the United States Supreme Court. According to news media accounts, President Reagan has asked that you lead the search for a successor.

I am sure that you are being inundated with names for that appointment, but I would be derelict in my duties as a citizen if I did not proffer the name of the attorney whom I believe would be not only the ideal choice, but the most qualified.

Brooke Wunnicke has been in the active practice of law for nearly thirtysix years. Aside from significant collegiate honors from Stanford University, she graduated Order of the Coif from the University of Colorado School of Law when that award was given to only the top one percent law graduates, and at a time when Harvard and Yale law schools did not provide enrollment opportunities for women. Subsequent to graduation she was in the private practice of law in Cheyenne, Wyoming for nearly thirty years prior to moving to Denver, Colorado.

In both Colorado and Wyoming, Brooke Wunnicke is highly revered by the legal communities. Her chances for appellate judgeship in Colorado -- for which she applied and was indeed recommended to the Governor for appointment under our state's 'Missouri Plan' -- were restricted by her political affiliation and conservative philosophies.

Brooke Wunnicke is a Republican and a supporter of President Reagan. She has never been active politically, however, for the sole reason that the practice of law has been both her vocation and avocation. There has never been a stauncher, more articulate representative for strict constitutional constructionism. In 1973, the Denver District Attorney's office changed hands to a Democrat. Upon taking office, it was the District Attorney's intent to assemble the best legal staff in the state. Seeking advice from all quarters of the legal community as to who would be the best appellate advocate, he selected Brooke Wunnicke and suggested that she acquire a leave of absence from the firm where she was of counsel. She remains Chief Appellate Deputy in that office and is, in effect, the cornerstone of its efficiency. She is an adjunct professor at the University of Denver School of Law where she teaches Constitutional Law. She is an active member of both the Colorado and Denver Bar Associations as well as the American Bar Association.

Although I have barely touched upon this attorney's eminent qualifications, I hope that I have aroused your interest sufficiently to inquire further. A copy of her resume is attached for your convenience.

The law is and always will be Mrs. Wunnicke's life. If there is to be a judicial appointment of historical and legal significance, it is Brooke Wunnicke.

Respectfully submitted, Athryn Muzer

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Resume of BROOKE WUNNICKE Attorney at Law

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#### BROOKE WUNNICKE

Attorney at Law Active woman practitioner at the Bar for 35 years.

My personal testament as a lawyer appears in my Keynote Address to the University of Colorado Law School graduates, delivered May 22, 1981.

#### Bar Admissions

| Wyoming State Bar                |     | May 6, 1946       |
|----------------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| United States District Court for | the |                   |
| District of Wyoming              |     | April 2, 1946     |
| Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals   |     | March 10, 1958    |
| United States Supreme Court      |     | April 29, 1958    |
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| United States District Court for | the |                   |
| District of Colorado             |     | September 9, 1970 |
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#### Professional Experience: 1946 to Date

General Practitioner, Cheyenne, Wyoming

1946 - 1954

Partner, Williams & Wunnicke Cheyenne, Wyoming

1954 - 1968

Scope of Wyoming Practice:

Litigation: Substantial trial and appellate work in state and federal courts, primarily involving personal injury, criminal defense, municipal bond and other constitutional test cases, and broad range of administrative hearings.

Office Practice: General civil, primarily small business and rancher representation, probate, wills and living trusts, oil and gas, mineral law, state and federal taxation.

While closing out Wyoming practice to move to Denver, Colorado:

(1) Clerk, Hon Paul V. Hodges, September, 1968 Colorado Supreme Court to June, 1969

(2) Temporary assistance, Calkins, Kramer, Grimshaw & Harring --Oil and gas law August, 1969, to December, 1969

January, 1970, to January, 1973

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February, 1976, to

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Reason for leaving Cheyenne, Wyoming: Husband James M. Wunnicke (d. Sept. 6, 1977) retired from business in Wyoming, and we decided to live in Denver.

Of Counsel, Calkins, Kramer, Grimshaw & Harring, Attorneys at Law First National Bank Building Denver, Colorado -Securities law, oil and gas, corporate, and real estate law

Chief Appellate Deputy District Attorney Office of the District Attorney Denver, Colorado

General Counsel

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-(Company's first in-house counsel) general corporate and computer law

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Law Teaching Experience

Part-time lecturer in law, University of Wyoming

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February, 1978, to date

1975 to date

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Service to the Organized Bar includes:

Wyoming State Bar Association Member, 1946 to date

Laramie County Bar Association (Wyoming) President, 1967 - 1968

Denver Bar Association (Colorado) Trustee (elected) 1977 - 1980 Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, 1979 - 1980

## Colorado State Bar Association

Former member of:

- Evidence Code Review Committee, serving 3 terms on the project of adopting the Federal Rules of Evidence in Colorado
- State Mineral Law Council (elected for 4 years)
- Publications Committee ("The Colorado Lawyer")
- Ad Hoc Committee on State Public Defender

Colorado Supreme Court

- Former member, Colorado Supreme Court Standing Committee for Colorado Rules of Criminal Procedure
- Former member, Grievance Prosecutor Selection Committee and Special Grievance Prosecutor

American Bar Association

- Member, 1952 to date
- Member, Legislative Drafting Committee on Taxation, 1958 1969

#### Education

| University of Southern California<br>(full scholarship) | 1935 - 1938 |
|---|-------------|
| Stanford University                                     | B.A. 1939   |
| University of Southern California<br>Law School         | 1943 - 1944 |
| University of Colorado School of Law                    | J.D. 1945   |



Academic Honors: Phi Beta Kappa

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Personal History

Birth: Dallas, Texas, May 9, 1918 <u>Marriage</u>: James M. Wunnicke, 1940 until his death in 1977 <u>Children</u>: Adult daughter, Diane Brooke Wunnicke <u>Religion</u>: Episcopalian <u>Political Affiliation</u>: Registered Republican Wyoming - 1940 to 1968 Colorado - 1969 to date

Health: Excellent

#### REFERENCES

Hon. Ewing T. Kerr Senior District Judge United States District Court Cheyenne, Wyoming

Hon. James Barrett, Judge Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals Cheyenne, Wyoming

Hon. Clarence A. Brimmer District Judge United States District Court Cheyenne, Wyoming

Hon. Clifford Hansen (former U.S. Senator from Wyoming) Jackson, Wyoming

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#### Keynote Address by Brooke Wunnicke

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## The University of Colorado Law School Graduates May 22, 1981

Friends and Colleagues

The honor and pleasant duty is mine to welcome these graduates to the legal profession. Congratulations to each of you who today received your juris doctor. I confirm to your families and friends that yours is a hard-won achievement: beginning with the almost fatal LSAT and followed by years of intensive study, punctuated grimly with "final exams." Can you even estimate how many hundreds of cases and thousands of pages that you have read during your law school studies? Today marks the culmination of your years of labor. Today you have achieved the honored status of graduate lawyers.

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I have never held political office and I have never been a judge. Rather, I am proud to address you as an active practitioner at the Bar for 36 years. My message is intended to convey more than that survival is possible. I sorted my memories: the hot pit of the trial court, the austere chamber of the appellate court, and the law office with its long and demanding hours. Then I decided that instead of preparing a formal address, I wanted to share with you some reflections on being a lawyer. My hope is to strengthen your dedication to the lawyer's duty and to the legal profession.

Although the attributes of a good lawyer are many and difficult to acquire, <u>ad astra per aspera</u> -- to the stars by the hard ways, I urge you to travel those hard ways. Do not become discouraged, because as the great American lawyer, Joseph H. Choate, said: "Common sense and common honesty combined with uncommon industry will make a successful lawyer, and give a lawyer an honorable place in any generation at the bar."

I believe that every good lawyer should have eight attributes, and it is about these attributes that I talk to you today. To paraphrase the English poet, William Blake:

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1. <u>Humility</u>. I have never known a competent lawyer or able judge who did not have humility in the law. The law is too vast and complex to know it all or even a major part. No lawyer should ever hesitate to admit "I don't know" -- and then proceed to find out. On your graduation day, I must reluctantly tell you that you will be studying the law all your lives.

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EDWIN MEESE, COUNSELOR TO PRESIDENT WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC 20500

DEAR MR MEESE:

I WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU TO RECOMMEND TO THE PRESIDENT THE APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSOR CHARLES ALAN WRIGHT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS LAW SCHOOL TO THE SUPREME COURT BENCH.

PROFESSOR WRIGHT WOULD MAKE A BRILLIANT APPOINTMENT. NOT ONLY IS HE A LEADING Schular, but he is also a conservative re-Publican.

AS YOU MAY KNOW, HE DEFENDED THE STATE'S POSITION BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT IN ROE VS WADE. AS ONE OF HIS FORMER STUDENTS, I BE-LIEVE HE WOULD HE THE FINEST APPOINTMENT SINCE LOUIS BRANDEIS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF JUSTICE STEWART'S RETIREMENT PLANS, I URGE YOU TO APPCINT PROFESSOR CHARLES ALAN WRIGHT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW TO THE SUPREME COURT. NO ONE ENJOYS A FINER REPUTATION IN THE COUNTRY IN THE AREAS OF FEDERAL COURTS AND CONSTITUTIONAL LAW THAN PROFESSOR WRIGHT. HE IS AN OUTSTANDING LAWYER AND WOULD BE THE GREATEST APPOINTMENT TO THE COURT SINCE LOUIS BRANDEIS, AS ONE OF HIS FORMER STUDENTS AND ONE OF YOUR SUPPORTERS, I BELIEVE HIS JUDICIAL VIEWS WOULD PARALLEL YOUR OWN IN MOST AREAS, I HOPE YOU WILL PLACE PROFESSOR WRIGHT'S NAME BEFORE THE SENATE, THANK YOU.

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