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Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners
200 E. Virginia Ave.
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Board of County Commissioners,

I write to express my interest in the alternate member position on the Gunnison County Planning Commission. Sarah Coleman contacted me about her term expiring and she encouraged me to apply. Included with this letter of interest is my resume.

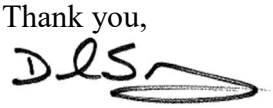
I moved to Crested Butte South in March 2017 with my wife (Carli) and two young sons after purchasing Mochas Coffeehouse & Bakery in Gunnison. Prior to the move, we lived in Denver where I practiced law and my wife stayed at home with our sons after working in the ski industry as a retail buyer. We moved to Gunnison County after many years of visiting and falling in love with the area. I took a hiatus from practicing law to focus on running Mochas with my wife, but am currently handing the reins over completely to Carli and Mochas' management so I can focus on beginning to practice law again.

I am interested in joining the Planning Commission because I would like to have professional outlets as I get back into the law. I also would like to get involved in the community and contribute my time and skills. My law practice in Denver was largely civil litigation at a large law firm, but over time I developed a practice of representing educational institutions including public school districts and school boards. Eventually, my practice became solely devoted to representing public school districts and boards across Colorado.

I would be a good fit for the Planning Commission because I bring experience in working and being successful in a profession that requires critical thinking, heavy amounts of reading and analysis, and the application of laws and regulations to facts. I also am familiar with the public process and the importance of transparency and fairness, given my work with public school district boards. Further, as a new resident of and small business owner in Gunnison County, I bring a perspective to the Planning Commission that I believe would be valuable.

Finally, I place a high value on public service. I spent many years on the Board of the Colorado Hispanic Bar Association and served as its President in 2015. Additionally, in my practice, I spent hundreds of hours representing clients, *pro bono*, including representing school districts in a multi-year landmark constitutional lawsuit involving public school funding.

Thank you,



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EXPERIENCE

Semple, Farrington & Everall, P.C., Denver, CO — May 2016 to March 2017

Of Counsel

- Litigation/Education Law: Defended Colorado school districts and school boards in employment, contract, and civil rights litigation in federal court and before the Colorado Civil Rights Commission and the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.
- General Legal Advisor/Education Law: Advised Colorado school districts and school boards on a variety of legal issues including litigation, risk management, employment, contracts, construction contracting, open records laws, open meetings laws, policy, compliance with state and federal laws, and civil rights.
- Clients included Denver Public Schools, Lewis-Palmer School District 38, Widefield School District 3, Archuleta School District 50JT, and others.

Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP, Denver, CO — Sept. 2009 to April 2016

Associate

- General Civil Litigation: Broad range of civil litigation in state and federal courts at the trial and appellate levels, including: various contract and tort claims; insurance coverage claims; oil and gas related claims; claims involving state and federal environmental laws, and trademark claims. Experience with all stages of litigation including drafting pleadings/motions/briefs; fact investigation; mediation; settlement negotiations; managing and conducting discovery; interviewing witnesses; preparing fact and expert witnesses for depositions and trial; taking and defending depositions; hearings; direct and cross examination at trial.
- General Legal Advisor/Education Law: Served as general legal advisor to K-12 and higher education institutions and advised these clients regarding: litigation; risk management; FERPA; Title IX; student conduct policies and procedures; contract drafting and negotiations; and compliance with federal and state law.

Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General, Boston, MA — Sept. 2008 to May 2009

Extern

- Boston College Law School Attorney General Program – eight-month externship designed for third-year law students to gain civil litigation experience.

Colorado Attorney General's Office, Denver, CO — June 2007 to Aug. 2007

Summer Intern

- Draft and edit motions, other legal documents. Conduct legal research.

Bell Policy Center, Denver, CO — June 2005 to Aug. 2006

Public Interest Fellow, Public Policy

- Public policy research related to moving low-income families into economic self-sufficiency.

EDUCATION

Boston College Law School, Newton, MA — Juris Doctor, May 2009

Activities: Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General - Extern; Latino Law Students Association - Diversity Chair; Grimes Moot Court Competition

Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO — Bachelor of Arts in History, June 2005

Activities: Awarded Public Interest Fellowship at Bell Policy Center in Denver after graduation

ADMISSIONS/COMMUNITY SERVICE/AWARDS

Member, State Bar of Colorado, 2009 to Present – Attorney Registration No. 41504
Court Admissions, United States District Court for the District of Colorado & Tenth Circuit Federal Court of Appeals
2015 President and Board Member from 2010 to 2014, Colorado Hispanic Bar Association
Recipient, Colorado Lawyer's Committee 2012 Team of the Year Award for *pro bono* work in the education lawsuit, *Lobato v. State*