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Mr. George Mueller
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California Department of Insurance, Enforcement Branch
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Dear Mr. Mueller:

I am pleased to nominate Deputy District Attorney [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED] District Attorney's Office for the CDAIA Prosecutor of the Year award. [REDACTED] is an outstanding candidate with many personal and professional accomplishments, maintains an excellent working relationship with the Bureau of Investigation and has devoted herself to seeking justice for crime victims in the State of California.

SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

[REDACTED] attended the University of California, Hastings College of Law after obtaining an undergraduate degree in economics from the University of California, Davis. [REDACTED] graduated law school in [REDACTED] and began her career as a prosecutor for the [REDACTED] County District Attorney's Office. [REDACTED] joined the [REDACTED] District Attorney's Office [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]. During the course of her career with [REDACTED], she gained valuable experience while assigned to these units in the District Attorney's Office:

- Central Trials
- [REDACTED] Area Office
- [REDACTED] Area Office
- Auto Insurance Fraud
- [REDACTED] Division

In each assignment [REDACTED] has distinguished herself as an excellent trial attorney, prosecuting cases including murder, sexual assault, narcotics, robbery as well as very complex fraud cases including perjury, insurance fraud, automobile capping schemes, and embezzlement. [REDACTED] is currently assigned to the [REDACTED] wherein she investigates and prosecutes persons that are members of the [REDACTED] system who commit crimes. As part of her duties in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is a member of the District Attorney Response Team [REDACTED]. This duty involves a comprehensive review of officer-involved-shootings, a task that is critical to law enforcement's

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efforts to be transparent in their investigations. [REDACTED] has responded to numerous officer-involved-shootings and worked closely with many district attorney investigators (DAIs) as part of the [REDACTED] rollout program, including participating in witness interviews and reviewing crime scenes.

In all of her assignments, [REDACTED] has earned the respect of her supervisors, colleagues and DAIs. Each assignment has provided [REDACTED] the opportunity to work closely with DAIs from the inception of an investigation to the completion of trial. She is widely regarded as a “go-to” person for advice on search warrants, special master issues and other topics germane to the Bureau of Investigation.

Since 2011, [REDACTED] has provided classroom training to DAIs on the subject of special master search warrants for attorney’s offices. She maintains an open door to all investigators and members of law enforcement so that she can assist them to do their best work.

CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS

Operation [REDACTED]

While assigned to the Auto Insurance Fraud Division, [REDACTED] co-prosecuted the Bureau of Investigation’s 1050 – Auto Fraud Team’s [REDACTED] case. This case involved a large-scale fraud ring of lawyers, cappers and claimants committing automobile insurance fraud, theft and practicing law without a license. During the investigative phase, [REDACTED] regularly met with the undercover officer, DAI [REDACTED], the confidential informant, and DAIs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to provide assistance on all legal issues that arose. [REDACTED] coordinated and presented the case to the [REDACTED] County Grand Jury which resulted in indictments of 200 felony counts against 101 defendants in thirteen separate cases. Following the indictments, [REDACTED] worked tirelessly with the Bureau’s 1050 Auto Fraud team to prepare and coordinate multiple location search warrants and arrests of the vast majority of the defendants. Thirty-eight defendant were prosecuted solely by [REDACTED]. She worked with numerous DAIs to obtain proffered statements from dozens of defendants and reviewed over fifty-thousand pages of evidence along with hundreds of exhibits. [REDACTED] spearheaded numerous special master search warrants and handled the subsequent litigation. Her dedication to the case resulted in criminal convictions and attorney disbarments. As a result of her work on [REDACTED], [REDACTED] was asked to present training to law enforcement on the preparation and execution of special master search warrants pursuant to Penal Code section 1524c.

Operation [REDACTED]

While assigned to AIFD, [REDACTED] worked closely with the DA’s Office Bureau of Investigation as well as agents from the National Insurance Crime Bureau on another large scale, multi-defendant, multi-location investigation involving searches of privilege holders, including lawyers, physicians and law office employees. The case resulted in extensive successful litigation on the search warrants.

People v. [REDACTED]

While assigned to [REDACTED] worked closely with the DA's Office Bureau of Investigation to develop a prosecution against attorney [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was representing the named victims in a felony assault case. He approached the defendant in the assault case and offered to dissuade the victims from cooperating with the prosecution in exchange for a substantial sum of money. [REDACTED] utilized her expertise by assisting the Bureau of Investigation in working with an informant, and preparing and executing a special master search warrant of the attorney's office.

People v. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was selected to prosecute a case in which an off-duty [REDACTED] Police Department probationary officer is alleged to have murdered a man and then fled to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] worked closely with [REDACTED] Police Department Homicide Detectives in a successful effort to extradite the defendant from [REDACTED]. The extradition involved multiple agencies in the United States and [REDACTED].

DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY

[REDACTED] volunteers a substantial amount of time outside of work to further community relations. She has participated in the Constitutional Rights Foundation as a judge of moot court activities involving high school students interested in the pursuit of a legal career. She has spent ten years as an instructor in the Project [REDACTED] program working with elementary school children teaching them to respect the law and complete their education.

[REDACTED] is a distinguished member of the following associations:

-Women Lawyers of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] County Bar Association

-Dialogues on Freedom [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Unified School District Mentor

-Diversity in the Profession – Committee Member

-Black Prosecutors Association of [REDACTED]

-Vice-President of Membership

-National Black Prosecutor's Association

-Conducted training in complex litigation at the [REDACTED] Annual Conference.

- [REDACTED] Bar Association

- [REDACTED] Bar Association

- [REDACTED] Best After School Enrichment Program
-Fundraising Committee Member

- [REDACTED] Works
- [REDACTED] Temporary Shelter
-AIDs Project [REDACTED]

-My Brother's Keeper Backpack Donation Drive

-On a Mission, Success is Within My Reach Mentorship Program

RELATIONSHIP TO THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Over the life of her career, [REDACTED] always supported District Attorney Investigators and the mission of the Bureau of Investigation. In the previously mentioned [REDACTED] case, over 300 law enforcement officers consisting of District Attorney Investigators assisted by investigators from the California Department of Insurance, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol, Secret Service Hi-Tech Task Force served a 33 location search warrant and arrested 86 out of 101 suspects in a single day.

Lieutenant [REDACTED] commented:

"I have had the pleasure of working with [REDACTED] at various times during my career. [REDACTED] has always been the utmost professional. She worked closely with investigators throughout the [REDACTED] investigation. The hurdles of pre-trial and trial work up were extremely challenging, dealing with special master issues and volumes of seized evidence. With her leadership and detailed knowledge of the case, [REDACTED] continued to work through the difficult and challenging legal stages, paving the way for successful prosecutions."

Sergeant [REDACTED] commented:

"[REDACTED] was wonderful to work with. She went beyond the call of duty and sacrificed countless hours of her personal time to see that every step had been carefully contemplated; always working several steps ahead of possible defense strategies. [REDACTED] was always pleasant, helpful, and always had a smile on her face. The case was a success largely because of her devotion and tenacity."

CONCLUSION

[REDACTED] has dedicated herself to the pursuit of justice for victims. She has handled many complex cases during her [REDACTED] years as a prosecutor. She is an extremely valuable resource to the DA's Office Bureau of Investigation due to her expertise in a variety of specialized areas of law. [REDACTED] recognizes the value of community involvement as seen in her participation in many community associations. She has unwavering legal ethics, morals and a drive to see that justice is served for victims of crime. [REDACTED] is an inspiration to her colleagues, attorneys and law enforcement, as well as to the citizens whose lives she has touched.

We are honored to nominate [REDACTED] for the [REDACTED] CDAIA "Prosecutor of the Year" award.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]
District Attorney

By [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], Chief
Bureau of Investigation

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