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Dear Colleague:

I am running for the District 4, Position 1 seat on the Arkansas Court of Appeals and ask for your vote. The election is in May 2012.

As you know, the Court of Appeals decides many appeals each year on an assortment of issues. I have handled a variety of cases in state and federal courts. Having served as lead or co-appellate counsel in dozens of appeals, across many subject matters, I know what lawyers and their clients experience in our courts. I appreciate what it means for a trial lawyer to build a record for appeal and the time, effort, and costs involved in the appellate brief-writing, motion, oral-argument, and post-decision processes.

I have also worked and worried over preparing for and presenting oral arguments to the Arkansas Court of Appeals, the Arkansas Supreme Court, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. I will be a dedicated oral-argument proponent for parties who ask to personally appear before the Court of Appeals.

Our State's judiciary should include practicing appellate attorneys with years of trial-court and appellate-court experience, a dedication to the craft of legal writing, and service to the Bench and Bar. Every party should be able to read an opinion and understand why the Court ruled as it did. I have worked hard to be an effective legal writer. This will not change if I am elected to the Court of Appeals. I will also continue to participate in CLE programs on appeal-related issues, as I have done in the past. And I will continue to look for areas in need of scholarship and start conversations about how to change, or maintain, the law as the need arises.

Finally, a recent clerkship with a United States district judge provided me with experience and knowledge about how a sitting judge works to apply the law to all parties in an even handed, transparent way.

I hope to meet you personally as I travel around Arkansas to discuss the campaign.

Sincerely,



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