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Letter of Reference

Re: Curnutt & Hafer



I have known and worked with Kelly Curnutt for three years, both when he was with Baker & McKenzie and also with his own firm, Curnutt & Hafer, L.L.P. He is an excellent trial, briefing and appellate attorney. His preparation is beyond reproach. His attention to detail is what one expects from a top ranked law firm. Curnutt & Hafer, L.L.P. has been able to handle all matters that have been assigned. It is a very professional and efficient firm. Mr. Curnutt is able to research issues quickly, brief them and argue them before the court with the best lawyers in the state.

In addition to Kelly Curnutt's ability to handle matters individually, he also has worked as a member of a team of litigators involved in major lawsuits. Mr. Curnutt has the ability to take the lead or play a role in large litigation, which makes him a key figure in major personal injury, toxic tort, environmental contamination, or similar cases. His firm is continuing to handle cases for Mitchell Energy Company L.P. because of its excellence and the quality of the product that the firm provides.

Based upon the foregoing, I highly recommend Curnutt & Hafer, L.L.P. for legal assistance, especially in the areas of litigation and appellate procedure.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. G. Trott', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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