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Master Lisa Segel
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Re: Best Interest Attorney Application of Michael L. Rowan

Dear Master Segel,

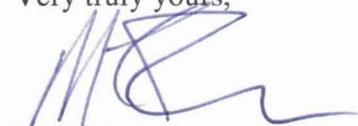
Please consider this correspondence as my request to be included amongst the attorneys available for appointments as a Best Interest Attorney of children in custody matters. I have been practicing in Montgomery County since 1994, spending 1 year in a judicial clerkship with the Honorable William C. Miller and since in private practice. I have been handling domestic cases since I began the practice of law but my focus in domestic matters has increased significantly in the past 10 years. I also handle criminal matters, juvenile matters, and personal injury matters, on behalf of minor clients, as well as their parents such that my exposure to representing the interests of a child has existed since the time I began practicing law.

I am an active practitioner handling a full case load as well as being the managing partner of a sixteen attorney firm. I have been the chair of the Montgomery County Bar Association Judicial Selections Panel, a member of its Executive Committee, and member of the Character Committee for applicants for admission to the Maryland State Bar. I am the father of three children, the oldest a teenager and have coached and volunteered in activities with children for well over 10 years. I believe I possess the character and experience to appropriately represent any child's interest and would welcome the opportunity.

Many of my cases involve custody issues and I completed the Child Counsel Training through the Administrative Office of the Courts in 2011. I would request to be included on the list of available Best Interest Attorney's and would welcome the opportunity to assist children in contested custody matters. I am aware of the guidelines and obligation of child counsel.

If you or any practitioners have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Similarly, if you needed any additional information, please contact me. I remain,

Very truly yours,



Michael L. Rowan

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