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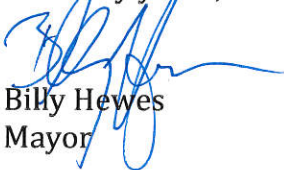
Dear Council Members,

I respectfully submit to you for consideration the appointment of Mr. Dustin E. Uselton to serve in the role as Public Defender in Gulfport Municipal Court.

Mr. Uselton graduated from Mississippi College and Mississippi College School of Law. He is an associate with GillespieSmith Law Firm, PLLC. Prior to joining the firm, he served as a legal intern at the City of Gulfport Prosecutor's office and interned with the First Judicial District Attorney's office in Jackson. He has a strong track record of practicing criminal law in our municipal court both as a prosecutor and defense attorney.

Mr. Uselton has the support of Senior Prosecutor Kirk Cark and his staff and will provide much needed support for case load of the office. Your ratification of Mr. Uselton will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

A blue ink signature of Billy Hewes, written in a cursive style.

Billy Hewes
Mayor

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February 26, 2014

Angela T. Kuhn
Court Administrator
Gulfport Municipal Court
2218 15th Street, Gulfport, MS 39501

Re: Public Defender Position with Gulfport Municipal Court

Dear Mrs. Kuhn,

I was pleased to learn of your need for an attorney to serve in the role of Public Defender in Gulfport Municipal Court. With solid experience in practicing criminal law, specifically in Gulfport Municipal Court, I feel that I am prepared to become an immediate contributor to your team.

I was able to serve as a Legal Intern with the prosecutor's office in the summer of 2012, and this experience provides me with valuable knowledge of the interworking of both sides of the court, as I have had a unique opportunity to see situations from both perspectives, both as a prosecutor and a defense attorney.

My strong work ethic and exceptional organization skills, combined with my ability to work well under pressure, would allow me to excel under the large case load and timelines that this job entails. I will be able to step in from the first day and use my skills and abilities to serve as a liaison for the clients that I am assigned to represent.

Attached is my resume for your review. I welcome the opportunity to discuss with you personally my qualifications and how I can best serve the court.

Sincerely,

Dustin E. Uselton, Esq.

DUSTIN E. USELTON

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EDUCATION

Mississippi College School of Law, Jackson, Mississippi
Doctor of Jurisprudence May 2013

Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi
Bachelor of Arts May 2009
Major: Christian Studies and Philosophy
Minor: Mathematics

EXPERIENCE

Associate Attorney, October 2013-Present
GillespieSmith Law Firm, PLLC, Gulfport, Mississippi
Practice litigation, primarily in the area of Criminal Law. Interpret and applied laws, court decisions, and other legal evidence in trial preparations. Prepare pleadings, motions, and other documents in preparation for trials, hearings, and other legal proceedings.

Legal Intern, January 2013-May 2013
First Judicial District Attorney's Office, Jackson, Mississippi
Researched law in relation to criminal sentencing statutes and rules of evidence. Observed criminal trials, including a capital murder case. Prepared trial notebooks and other items needed to proceed to trial.

Legal Intern, May 2012- August 2012
City Prosecutor's Office, Gulfport, Mississippi
Researched motions, prepared discovery on a variety of cases, questioned witnesses during trial, and worked on plea agreements with both defendants and defense counsel.

REFERENCES

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