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LSBA Young Lawyers Section Awards  
1830 Hodges Street  
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Re: Lindsay Watts Sanchez  
LSBA YLS Hon. Michaelle Pitard  
Wynne Professionalism Award

Dear Sir:

I am writing to recommend Lindsay Watts Sanchez for the Louisiana State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section Honorable Michaelle Pitard Wynne Professionalism Award.

I have known Lindsay for over seven years. I first met her when I was professor of criminal law at the Louisiana State University Paralegal Program. Based upon her outstanding performance and legal reasoning, I encouraged her to apply for law school, which she did.

Lindsay proved herself in the classroom, graduating *magna cum laude* from Southern University Law School in the top five percent of her class with a three point seven grade average. Also, Lindsay has proven herself in the community after graduating from law school in 2008. She is an active member of the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Baton Rouge Bar Association, and the Baton Rouge Association of Women Attorneys. Lindsay has participated in the "Wills for Heroes" project by writing free wills for law enforcers and first responders who were leaving for war.

Lindsay is also a judge and trainer for Teen Court. Teen Court is set-up with students who are prosecutors, defendants, jurors, and even sentence teen offenders. As a result, many teen offenders have returned as participants in the process. Some of these students have graduated and have decided to pursue legal careers because of Lindsay. She changes young people lives for the good.

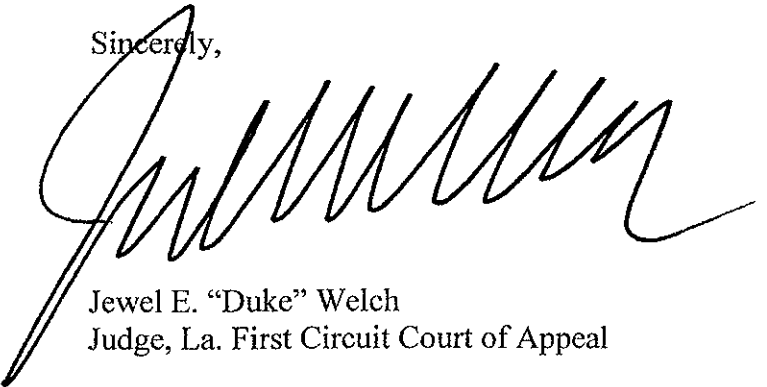
Lindsay is also an avid volunteer at the Baton Rouge Animal Shelter where she does everything possible to get animals adopted and cared for instead of being euthanized.

Lindsay is also active member of the Dean Henry George McMahon Inns of Court and assists in preparation of programs and participating in programs designed to instill professionalism and ethics.

Lindsay, in her law practice, walks the walk of professionalism, personifies ethics, and zealously represents her clients. She has that combination of brilliance and heart rarely seen in our profession.

I believe that Lindsay would be an excellent choice for the nomination and would represent the Young Lawyers of Louisiana with the highest standards of professional integrity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jewel E. Welch', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then curves back to the right.

Jewel E. "Duke" Welch  
Judge, La. First Circuit Court of Appeal

JEW/gjs

cc: Lindsay Watts Sanchez