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Re: Dr. Roberta Hibbard.

Dear Dr. Clapp,

Please accept this letter as my highest recommendation of Dr. Roberta Hibbard's candidacy for the Chancellor's Faculty Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement. I believe that any review of Dr. Hibbard's career will reveal that she does, indeed, exemplify the highest standards of professional service, and continues her engagement far outside the halls of the hospital or medical school into the community.

I have known Dr. Hibbard for over twenty (20) years. When I was the Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Johnson County, I frequently called upon Dr. Hibbard's expertise as a witness in my prosecution of child abuse cases, and partnered with her in improving our county's response to those cases. During that time, I found her to be a caring and thorough professional who was able to render expert opinions with clarity which benefitted numerous law enforcement officers, attorneys, and jury members.

Since 1994, I have had occasion to review Dr. Hibbard's work from the perspective of a judicial officer. As the Judge of the Johnson Circuit Court, I preside over a variety of case types, including Children in Need of Services and Termination of Parental Rights cases. In this arena, I have found Dr. Hibbard's unfailing professionalism and expertise to be crucial in assessing and addressing allegations of abuse.

From the commencement of our professional relationship, I have had the opportunity to serve with Dr. Hibbard on multiple statewide panels. Through this work, I have become increasingly familiar with the operation of the juvenile justice system beyond the geographic region of Marion County and other surrounding counties. I have likewise become aware of the number of children, as well as child welfare, medical, and legal professionals throughout the State of Indiana, who have benefitted from Dr. Hibbard's engagement.

It is my firmly held belief that there is no greater work in Indiana's legal system than the evaluation of allegations of child abuse and the effective restorative work done thereafter. For over twenty (20) years, I have found Dr. Hibbard to be consistently at the leading edge of this work and tireless in her devotion to other professionals throughout our state. I commend her to you as a consummate medical professional whose work continually rises to the highest level in meeting these challenges. I can think of no better addition to her curriculum vitae than the Chancellor's Faculty Aware for Excellence in Civic Engagement and encourage that every consideration be given to this dedicated and talented faculty member.

Sincerely,

Hon. K. Mark Loyd, Judge
Johnson Circuit Court

C. Dr. Roberta Hibbard.