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CFO of the Year Committee:

I am writing this letter in support of Mike Simpson, CFO of Neumann Brothers, Inc., for the Deloitte CFO of the Year award.

I have worked with Mike for over 30 years in various capacities as both of our careers have advanced. Mike and I started at similar times at our respective companies, both as staff accountants. As a junior auditor at McGladrey, one of my first accounts was Neumann Brothers and one of my initial client interactions was with Mike Simpson.

Mike advanced at Neumann, I advanced at McGladrey and we eventually became a model relationship between a partner in public accounting and a CFO client. Mike's career advanced at a steady pace. Mike has guided Neumann's through great times and lean times. He has led them through ownership transition and expansion. Mike always leads with integrity. Obviously, this is very important to us in our audit relationship and we have always held Mike and Neumann out as a model CFO and client in this regard.

Mike is a strong communicator, a great listener and a masterful negotiator. He has an insatiable desire for learning and will willingly retool himself as needed. As accounting and tax rules continue to evolve and change, Mike is always learning, adapting and training. Mike is a loyal leader – loyal to Neumann Brothers and loyal to his accounting team.

Mike has risen to CFO status the right way – with patience, integrity and knowledge. And he has done it all with one company, unusual in this day and age.

I, on behalf of the entire McGladrey organization, wholeheartedly support Mike as the Deloitte CFO of the Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin Prien", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Kevin Prien, Regional Managing Partner  
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