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Business Record
Forty under 40 Nomination

Re: Sahan Totagamuwa Nomination

Dear Panel,

It is with excitement that I provide a letter of recommendation for Sahan Totagamuwa to be considered for the 2017 Business Record's 40 Under 40 Class. Since relocating to the West Des Moines location of CliftonLarson Allen (CLA) to be its Managing Principal, I have had the pleasure of working closely with Sahan. I have seen firsthand his growth and the impact he makes within our client base, our local office, our firm, our profession and in our community.

As you can see by his professional resume, Sahan's expertise is in a highly complex and very important area of our practice. In addition to providing these services very well to our client base, Sahan is a true well rounded leader. Sahan and 8 other individuals under the age of 40 are part of CLA's Young Executive Team. This group meets regularly directly with the CEO of CLA to assist in providing a communication conduit between the older generation leaders in the C Suite and that next generation team. This allows our organization to be nimble and forward looking and as a firm of over 4,500 people, this is quite a responsibility for Sahan.

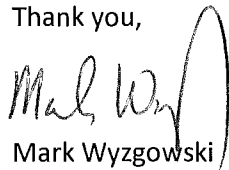
In our profession, Sahan is engaged. Besides being a member of the normal societies, he is also active in those organizations on the national level. Some examples of this involvement include his being a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts (AICPA) "Case Law Task Force" as well as being the AICPA's Accredited Business Valuers (AMB) "Champion" for the state of Iowa. This activity helps shape the course of our profession.

Locally, Sahan has graduated from the West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce Leadership Academy (2015) and donates his time around the community in any number of activities. Most recently, Sahan volunteered with Rebuilding Together as well as Meals from the Heartland just to name a few.

Through all interactions, Sahan is an absolute pleasure to work with – always positive and upbeat, professional, well-prepared with a firm grasp for details. He has garnered my respect as well as the respect of his clients, his peers and profession and firm wide leaders.

I cannot think of an individual more qualified for this honor. It is my pleasure to be able to call Sahan one of my peers.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Wyzgowski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Mark Wyzgowski
CPA, Managing Principal