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Re: Megan Grandgeorge

Dear Business Record Forty Under 40 Selection Committee:

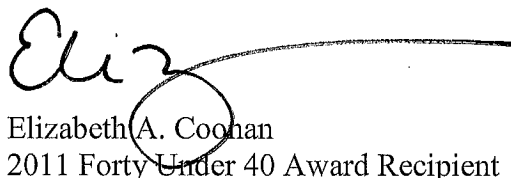
It is with great enthusiasm that I recommend Megan Grandgeorge for the Des Moines Business Record Forty Under 40 Award.

Based on my personal experience, Megan possesses excellent leadership skills and commitment to not only the Greater Des Moines Community but the State of Iowa. Her passion for voluntarism, integrity and strong communication skills make her uniquely qualified for this award. I have had the good fortune of working alongside Megan on several service projects through the Junior League of Des Moines and House of Mercy and am continually impressed by her ability to organize events and motivate volunteers. Megan also lends her talents to the Drake Alumni Advisory Board, Des Moines Playhouse, Winefest and other non-profit organizations.

Megan's professional accomplishments are equally noteworthy. Megan's days are spent working for the Iowa State Fair where she handles local, state and national media and develops and runs Fair programs. During the evening hours and on weekends, Megan and her husband own and operate LeJardin, a successful French restaurant located in the Beaverdale neighborhood. From her experience in the travel and tourism industry, to serving several hospitality organizations, operating a restaurant of her own and volunteering in her community, Megan is an ideal candidate for the Forty under 40 Award.

Should you have any questions regarding my recommendation, please do not hesitate to call. Thank you for considering Megan's candidacy.

Very truly yours,



Elizabeth A. Coonan
2011 Forty Under 40 Award Recipient

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