## **Lindsey Buchheit**

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To:

Lindsey Buchheit

Subject:

Letter of recommendation

To whom this may concern,

I am writing to nominate and endorse Lindsey Buchheit for Business Woman of the Year. I have known Lindsey for two years. I have worked with her and watched her closely as she has launched her business and become a leader in the entreprenurial community in Siouxland.

The greatest character trait I see in Lindsey is her integrity. She has a strong sense of what is right and always take actions that confirm this. She is a devoted wife and mother as well as a true professional in her practice. Lindsey is well connected in our area and is a true leader in the entrepreneurial community. She has helped several businesses get started and organized to become successful.

Locally, she is an entrepreneur which means she is not afraid to take risks. She has recently moved her law office into a new building that she had built and has also expanded her staff. She is deeply involved with giving back to the community. Lindsey is a great advocate for the small business owners in our are and serves on the local Small Business Development Advisory Board. This board helps create the strategy the Regional Director will implement to help local small businesses in our six county area.

She has also be named the Small Business Development Business of the month for January 2015. This is a state wide competition that draws nominees from 15 regions. The winner is selected not only on being a success as a business, but also on how they advocate for small businesses and contribute to our state as entrepreneurs.

She is serving on the State Small Business Development Advisory Board which helps direct and advocate for the SBDC in the state of Iowa. As a member of this board Lindsey fill the role of advisor, advocate, mentor and leader for our small businesses. She has helped a large number of my clients and they certainly hold her in high esteem. She is very well respected for her knowledge and ability.

In addition, Lindsey has taught and is teaching classes for the SBDC at Western Iowa Tech Community College on Business Succession Planning and Estate Planning. She has voluntarily done this and this is a huge area that owners in our area need to address. The bulk of privately owner businesses in this are will change hands in the next 10 years and few owners have a plan in place to make this successful. Lindsey has stepped forward to fill that need and it is truly appreciated.

I can not say enough about how much I trust, respect, and value Lindsey. She is what I consider a great example of who the Woman Business Owner of the year should be.

Sincerely,

Todd Rausch | Regional Director

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