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Sages Over 70 Selection Committee

Re: Jack Wahlig

Dear Committee Members:

I nominate Jack Wahlig for Sages Over 70.

I started practice in 1977 at the Belin Law Firm. Jack was a managing partner at McGladrey at the time. During my first years of practice and the years that followed, I had the opportunity to work with Jack for many clients. I remember him as a consummate professional. He not only had an expansive knowledge of the tax law but he also was able to apply his technical knowledge to solving difficult problems for clients. He was more than a CPA. He was a business counselor. He also helped grow what was a then local accounting firm into a firm of national structure.

When I worked with Jack, I always knew that if there was an answer, he would find it. In the course of his practice and career, he worked with hundreds of family businesses in Central Iowa and Iowa. The economic impact of his counsel was immense.

For me, it was a learning experience for which I shall be forever grateful. He took the time to mentor and help me become a better lawyer. Yes, I said a CPA was giving counsel and helping me to become a good lawyer. Although he was a young McGladrey partner at the time, he was already a Sage.

I also remember him as good person with a sense of fairness and strong ethics. Even when it was not in his or his firm's best economic interest, Jack always gave the advice that he thought was right. He would never compromise his honesty and integrity.

I highly recommend Jack Wahlig for Sages Over 70.

Sincerely yours,

- E. Suntach

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