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Sages Over 70 Committee

RE: E. J. Giovannetti

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with great pride and confidence that I nominate E.J. Giovannetti to be recognized in your "Sages Over 70" issue for 2013.

I have known E.J. since starting as a law clerk with the law firm of Hopkins, Bump & Huebner in 1974, and have had the privilege of calling him my partner since 1979.

E.J. served as a State of Iowa Assistant Attorney General and Deputy Industrial Commissioner prior to joining the firm in 1970. Since he joined our firm, E.J. has been a constant source of influence and example to hundreds of lawyers, both in our firm and throughout the state of Iowa. Many of the lawyers E.J. has personally mentored are considered to be among the best and most respected workers' compensation lawyers in Iowa thanks in large part to what they learned from E.J. about the law, about professionalism, and about fairness.

E.J. has had career separate from the practice of law, in politics and public service. He served as the mayor of the City of Urbandale for twenty years and on the Polk County Board of Supervisors for ten. He has been involved in dozens of civic and charitable organizations with leadership roles in many of them. He has truly been a person driven to serve his community in both very big and small ways.

At age seventy-two, E.J. is still very connected in the practice of law in Iowa and in the public service arena. He is currently associated as a board member, a chair or a committee member on the Urbandale Chamber of Commerce, the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation, the Greater Des Moines Civic Center, the Des Moines Arts Festival, the Central Iowa Regional Drinking Water Commission, Endow Urbandale, Iowa Sister States, Des Moines Wastewater Reclamation Authority, Capital Crossroads Governance Committee, Ankeny Economic Development Corporation and Prairie Meadows. E.J. is still very much sought out by people and organizations that know him by reputation and have seen his positive impact in the Des Moines area.

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A testament to E.J.'s community service and involvement is the recent announcement by the City of Urbandale of an event to be held later this summer called "CELEBRATE EJ with Urbandale". During that celebration, they'll be dedicating a building in E.J.'s name and celebrating his "40+ years of service to the City of Urbandale, as a Polk County Supervisor and as a community leader serving Urbandale and the entire Greater Des Moines area." You'll see on the attached announcement that the current mayor of Urbandale calls E.J. a "mentor and inspiration".

E.J. is not finished with his legal or public career. He's a talented and driven person who derives great joy from being of service to individuals and his community. I hope you'll agree that E.J. Giovannetti is a well-deserving "Sage Over 70".

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**HOPKINS & HUEBNER, P.C.**



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