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RE: Appointment as Special Assistant Attorneys General

Gentlemen:

Colorado Governor Bill Ritter has issued the attached Executive Order, appointing me to investigate the conduct of Fourth Judicial District Attorney John Newsome, which conduct is described in the order. Because both Mr. Newsome and his opponent in the current Republican primary in the Fourth Judicial District, Dan May, were employees of mine when I was the District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District, and because I believe it important to avoid any appearance of any possible bias in this investigation, I have decided to appoint attorneys from outside my office as Special Assistant Attorneys General to carry out the directives set forth in the Executive Order.

I appreciate your willingness to serve in this capacity. I hereby appoint you as Special Assistant Attorneys General for purposes described in the Executive Order. You should coordinate with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation which will assist you in the investigation of the matter.

Your appointment is a limited one. It does not authorize you to act on behalf of or represent the State in any other capacity. You may not, on behalf of the State of Colorado or the Attorney General, receive any notices, documents, or papers of any kind not related to your duties in connection with this appointment.

Mr. Hugh Wilson, the Director of Administration for the Attorney General's Office will be in contact with you regarding compensation and reimbursement of expenses incurred.

Finally, working in a legal capacity on behalf of the citizens of Colorado is a privilege that is accompanied by several important responsibilities. For this reason, several topics and admonitions are addressed in the memorandum enclosed with this letter. Please review this memorandum carefully.

Very truly yours,

JOHN W. SUTHERS
Colorado Attorney General

Enclosure

MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL

Service to the people of the State of Colorado as a Special Assistant Attorney General is a privilege. This privilege is accompanied by important responsibilities. This memorandum sets forth several requirements that you are to follow as you discharge your duties to the State and its citizens.

The Colorado Department of Law fully supports the idea of civility in the practice of law. Whether in litigation or in a transactional context, Special Assistant Attorneys General are expected to represent the State vigorously at all times. Nevertheless, all Special Assistant Attorneys General are also expected to interact with the Courts and other counsel in a civil, professional manner.

During your representation of the State of Colorado, your activities must conform, at all times and in all respects, to the highest ethical standards of the legal profession. We recognize that conflicts of interest often arise in the practice of law. We expect you to bring to our attention immediately any potential for conflicting interests in the work you perform as Special Assistant Attorney General.