

RESOLUTION # _____

“RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRIANA SMITH AS AN ASSISTANT PUBLIC DEFENDER IN LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING, AS REQUIRED BY W. S. §7-6-103(f).”

WHEREAS, W.S. §7-6-103(f) authorizes the County to advise the Governor of Wyoming concerning the appointment of Assistant Public Defenders; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has reviewed Briana Smith’s qualifications and has considered the recommendation of Diane Lozano, the Wyoming Public Defender:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING, that it recommends the appointment of Briana Smith as an Assistant Public Defender.

PRESENTED, READ AND ADOPTED this ____ day of August, 2021.

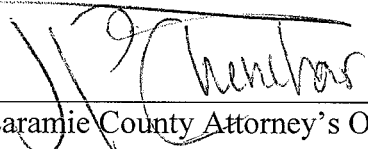
BOARD OF LARAMIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman

ATTEST:

Debra Lee, Laramie County Clerk

Reviewed and approved as to form only:



Laramie County Attorney’s Office



OFFICE *of the* WYOMING STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

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Mark Gordon
GOVERNOR

Diane M. Lozano
STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

Ryan R. Roden
DEPUTY STATE
PUBLIC DEFENDER

July 27, 2021

Commissioner Gunnar Malm, Chairman
Laramie County Commissioner
310 West 19th Street, Suite 300
Cheyenne, WY 82001

Dear Chairman Malm:

I am writing to notify you that the Office of the State Public Defender intends to hire Briana Smith, as a Full Time Assistant Public Defender for the 1st Judicial District. I am notifying you pursuant to Wyoming Statutes §7-6-103(f), which reads:

The governor may appoint full or part-time assistant public defenders in each judicial district with the advice of the state public defender, the district judge of the district and the boards of county commissioners in the district. In appointing assistant public defenders the governor shall consider the recommendations submitted to him, the demand for legal services, the criminal case load statistics, the population, the geographical characteristics and any other relevant factors.

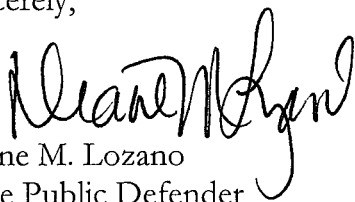
Ms. Smith will share the criminal caseload with the other assistant public defenders in the 1st Judicial District. She may also be asked to assist with conflict cases or assignments in other Judicial Districts. Ms. Smith is a 2018 graduate of the University Of Wyoming College Of Law, Laramie, WY. She was admitted to the Wyoming State Bar in 2020. Her résumé is enclosed for your perusal.

Please submit any input that you may have about this pending appointment to me prior to August 13, 2021. Upon that date, I will present Ms. Smith to Governor Gordon for appointment as an Assistant Public Defender. I will forward your input to the Governor at that time.

If you wish to reply by phone or otherwise discuss the appointment, please feel free to give me a call at 777-7519. Also, my email address is diane.lozano@wyo.gov. I am available at your convenience to discuss this appointment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane M. Lozano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Diane" being the most prominent part.

Diane M. Lozano
State Public Defender

Enclosure
DML/gl

BRIANA SMITH

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EDUCATION

University of Wyoming College of Law, Juris Doctor, May 2018

University of Wyoming, Bachelor of Arts: Criminal Justice, Pre-Law Concentration, May, 2015

Regis University, 2010-2011, Dean's List 2010

HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

University of Wyoming Family & Immigration Justice Clinic Student of the Year 2017/2018

M.F. Blackstone Scholarship 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018

Participant in: Negotiation Competition Fall of 2016, Voir Dire Competition fall of 2017

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

The Advocates, Laramie, WY

Attorney, Licensed in Wyoming and Montana- February of 2020- Current

- Personal Injury Law
- Civil Litigation

Smith Law, LLC, Laramie, WY

Owner/Attorney, Licensed in Wyoming and Montana- February of 2020- Current

- Business
- General Civil Litigation
- Family Law

Jacobs Polidora, Laramie WY

Researcher/Writer, 3/15/2019 - 4/30/2020

- *Responsible for researching and drafting pleadings, motions, and Supreme Court appeals, and trial preparation.*

AllWyo State Towing LLC, Laramie WY

Owner, 08/2006 to 06/2016

- Started multiple businesses in multiple locations.
- Developed all employee training, benefit and promotion structures
- Created comprehensive policy and training manuals and procedures
- Hired and managed all employees
- Regularly participated in leadership seminars and workshops
- Created and implemented strategies for growth and consistency in the business expansions.
- Formulate goals and procedures that encourage time and resources to be allocated efficiently
- Identify issues and develop and implement action plans
- Strong knowledge of legal rule and regulations throughout the industry
- Prepare for and conduct negotiations
- Experience with litigation procedures at the trial court and appellate court levels