

RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_

**“RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF EMILY WILLIAMS 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 Emily Williams 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 Emily Williams as an Assistant Public Defender.

**PRESENTED, READ AND ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of October, 2020.

BOARD OF LARAMIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Chairman

ATTEST:

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Debra Lee, Laramie County Clerk

Reviewed and approved as to form only:

  
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Laramie County Attorney's Office



# OFFICE *of the* WYOMING STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

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September 21, 2020

Commissioner Gunnar Malm, Chairman  
Laramie County Commissioner  
310 West 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Emily Williams, as a Full Time Assistant Public Defender for the 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Williams will share the criminal caseload with the other assistant public defenders in the 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District. She may also be asked to assist with conflict cases or assignments in other Judicial Districts. Ms. Williams is a 2020 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 October 5, 2020. Upon that date, I will present Ms. Williams 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](mailto:diane.lozano@wyo.gov). I am available at your convenience to discuss this appointment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Diane M. Lozano  
State Public Defender

Enclosure  
DML/gl

## EMILY R. WILLIAMS

### EDUCATION

#### **JURIS DOCTOR, UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING, COLLEGE OF LAW, LARAMIE, WY**

Graduation Date: May 2020

GPA: 3.2

#### **B.A. DEGREE, FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING, LARAMIE, WY**

Graduation Date: May 2017

GPA: 3.6

5 years on: Honor Roll, President's List, Dean's List, or Provost's List

### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

#### **UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING, COLLEGE OF LAW, DEFENDER AID CLINIC**

*Student Director*, May 2019-current

Student-led criminal defense clinic. Maintain my own caseload involving trial work, appellate work, and post-conviction relief. Communicate with clients, court staff, and prison personnel. Participate in plea negotiations. Provide direct representation to clients at pre-trial hearings, motions hearings, trial, sentencing, post-conviction hearings, and direct appeal. Oversee nine (15) law students and clinic's entire caseload. Conduct case analysis, research, write, and argue on behalf of clients at all stages of criminal practice. Edit all clinic motions, briefs, and other documents prior to filing. Manage clinic schedule/ deadlines.

#### **WYOMING CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER, LARAMIE, WY**

*Student Intern*, 2017-2018

Special Education and Family Law center. Attended community meetings, drafted documents, participated in custody hearings, researched legal issues, including adolescent development, and tracked legislation.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Argued 2 direct appeals before the Wyoming Supreme Court (2018-2020)

Represented two (2) clients in *Miller v. Alabama* proceedings (2018-2019)

Co-authored appellant briefs before the Wyoming Supreme Court (2019)

Wrote and filed several pre-trial motions in Laramie Municipal Court (2019)

Wrote two (2) Petitions of Review to the Wyoming Supreme Court (2018)

### VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Board Member of Non-profit Organization against sex trafficking, current

Volunteer at Interfaith Good Samaritan—a local soup kitchen, current

President of local women's church organization, current

Volunteer at Laramie Care Center, 2012-2013