



June 14, 2024

Marcelia Nicholson, County Board Chairperson
Justin Bielinski, Chairperson of Judiciary, Law Enforcement and General Services Committee
Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
901 N. 9th Street, Room 201
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Re: Unqualified Support for Appointing Scott Brown as Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel

Dear Chairperson Nicholson and Supervisor Bielinski:

It has been my privilege to serve the Wisconsin Counties Association and counties across the state in my legal practice for over 29 years. In that time, I have enjoyed the opportunity to work with and for Milwaukee County and the Office of Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel on a variety of legal issues impacting Milwaukee County. Based upon my experience with corporation counsel around the State, as well as former Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel, I am confident that Scott Brown is both capable and qualified to lead the Office of Corporation Counsel.

My first opportunity to work with Scott arose when he held the position of Assistant Corporation Counsel and the County joined with 70 other counties across the State in seeking to hold the perpetrators of the opioid epidemic responsible for their actions in the most complex civil litigation in the history of our nation. The Wisconsin effort was complicated and multi-faceted requiring not only a traditional litigation strategy, but also a legislative strategy to ensure Wisconsin counties were appropriately compensated in the event settlement revenues came to fruition. Scott assumed a leadership role in working with me and WCA on the legislative effort. I was immediately impressed by Scott's ability to quickly grasp complicated concepts and articulate positions that benefited Milwaukee County and counties across the State. Without Scott, it would have been very difficult to achieve the tremendous result we have in Wisconsin as it relates to county interests in the opioid litigation and resulting settlements.

I am also aware of Scott's work with the Health Department during the COVID-19 crisis. Speaking from experience, the pandemic presented unique challenges to lawyers working with public health agencies and the legal and regulatory landscape changed on a daily basis. Scott's work in ensuring the residents of Milwaukee County were safe during the pandemic and providing counsel to a complex public health system involving multiple agencies was incredible – he did a fantastic job.

Finally, I need to comment on Scott's demeanor. A brilliant lawyer is nothing without the ability to work with and for clients to achieve the clients' objectives. In other words, how a lawyer approaches his or her work is at times as important as the work itself. Scott has the ideal "bedside manner" for county government. He has shown an ability to devote the time needed to understand

issues, assess legal strategies, weigh policy considerations and provide workable solutions. Not every lawyer can do this – Scott is special in this regard.

There are many other examples of Scott's abilities and leadership that illustrate his commitment to his profession, county government generally and, most importantly, Milwaukee County. Needless to say, I believe that Scott is the ideal candidate for Milwaukee County Corporation Counsel. Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective on Scott's qualifications with you and I very much look forward to his appointment.

Very truly yours,

ATTOLLES LAW, s.c.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew T. Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

Andrew T. Phillips