February 26, 2023

David Crowley
County Executive of Milwaukee County

Dear Mr. Crowley,

It is my great pleasure to write a letter of recommendation for Dr. Wieslawa Tlomak, in support of her application to become the permanent Milwaukee County Chief Medical Examiner. I retired in June 2022 from the Department of Pathology of the Medical College of Wisconsin where I was a Professor and Director of the Autopsy Service and Neuropathology Service. I met Dr. Tlomak shortly after I arrived at MCW in 2010. Over the past twelve years we have worked together frequently, consulting with each other on difficult autopsy and neuropathology cases. We also collaborated on a project that resulted in a publication and a national presentation (given by Dr. Tlomak at the National Association of Medical Examiners in 2017).

In all my interactions with Dr. Tlomak, I have been impressed by the breadth and depth of her knowledge of pathology and her thoughtful and systematic approach to problem solving. It has always been very instructive working with her on cases. Dr. Tlomak has also been successful in her research efforts as she has six publications and twenty presentations (four at national meetings.)

Dr. Tlomak's leadership abilities have been demonstrated by her longstanding role as Forensic Pathology Fellowship Program Director at Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office. In addition, she is a Certified National Association of Medical Examiners Inspector for NAME Inspection and Accreditation Program and has served as the Chair of the Forensic Pathology Fellowship Subcommittee of the National Association of Medical Examiners.

On a more personal level, over the last several years, I have gotten to know Wieslawa well, and can vouch for her integrity and honesty. She is always professional in her interactions and works well with colleagues.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may provide any additional information.

Sincerely.

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