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Dear Fellow OCBA Members:

I am honored, and humbled, to come before my many friends and peers to ask you for your support to serve on the OCBA Board of Directors. I have been a proud member of the OCBA throughout my career, recognize the tremendous value the organization has provided for all of us, and would like to give back as I enter the "next third" of my career.

For those of you who don't know me, I am the founding shareholder of Altior Law, P.C., a boutique business law firm in Oakland County that specializes in complex commercial litigation. "Altior" is Latin for "higher," and for the last 14 years, our mission at Altior Law has been to raise the standards of our profession, both in terms of higher ethics, and also in giving back to the profession we love. Running for the OCBA board is consistent with that mission.

Though it is still hard for me to get my head around it, I've been practicing law now for over 35 years. As a lawyer and as a certified public accountant, my focus has always been in business law, both on the transactional side, and in litigation. Not only do I have extensive experience in the courtroom, having tried over 50 cases to verdict to juries or in bench trials, I have significant experience in the boardroom, counseling business owners on countless issues of corporate governance, best practices, etc. In addition, I've had the privilege of serving as an arbitrator in over a dozen matters, and as a mediator in over 100 commercial cases, helping parties and their counsel resolve their disputes. From this wide range of experience, I have learned to listen, strategize and find solutions to people's problems.

As for my commitment to "giving back," I currently sit on the Board of Advisors for my alma mater, Wayne State University Law School. In addition, I am a director of the Western Golf Association for the Evans Scholar Foundation, whose mission is to provide full academic scholarships to underprivileged kids who demonstrate high character and a strong commitment to hard work and education. I have also recently completed a six-year term as a Master in the American Inns of Court program.

As for the OCBA, I am a member of the Business Court and Counsel Committee and recently served on a panel presentation on financial issues in litigation. I am also a Fellow of the Oakland County Bar Foundation, and along with my firm, have been a long time and consistent sponsor of OCBA events. If elected, I will use my training and experience to help the OCBA board continue to navigate through these difficult times towards a healthy and productive future.

Very truly yours,

**ALTIOR LAW, P.C.** 

/s/ Kenneth F. Neuman

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