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LGBT Bar Association
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Re: Letter of Support for Aaron Tidman

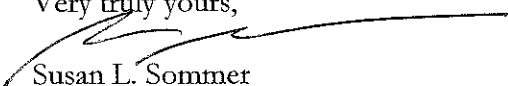
Dear LGBT Bar Association:

I write this letter in support of Aaron Tidman, a deserving candidate for a Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 award. I am Lambda Legal's Director of Constitutional Litigation, and supervise our organization's Youth in Out-of-Home Care Project. I have had the good fortune to know Aaron and benefit from his stellar contributions to the LGBT civil rights movement since 2009, when Aaron began his years of dedicated pro bono assistance to Lambda Legal and our Youth in Out-of-Home Care Project. At that time, Aaron was an associate at Debevoise & Plimpton. He has continued his pro bono assistance to Lambda Legal at his new firm, Mintz, evincing a commitment to work on behalf of LGBT rights, and particularly on behalf of vulnerable youth in out-of-home care, well beyond signing on to particular projects sponsored by a law firm.

Aaron has led other lawyers and fellows at both firms and has done invaluable research on federal interactions with state child welfare systems. Not only has he led a number of projects to provide Lambda Legal with thorough and comprehensive research, but he has also given us highly useful strategic advice and participated with us in meetings with government counterparts. Aaron has repeatedly reached out to Lambda Legal to offer assistance and has always jumped in without hesitation to respond to any request with valuable contributions. He is a skilled attorney and a creative and strategic thinker, and we are very grateful for his fine work and contributions. He well deserves to be named among the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,


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