Kelly A. Love, Esq.

November 26, 2024

Blount County Commission 359 Court Street Maryville, TN 37804

Re:

Blount Memorial Foundation, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a follow up to my meeting with Mayor Mitchell and Randy Vineyard regarding serving on the Board of Directors of Blount Memorial Foundation, Inc., enclosed is my resume. In my role as the corporate/business attorney at Kizer & Black, I routinely help clients form, maintain, and buy or sell businesses. I believe that my legal experience could be valuable to the Foundation Board. I appreciate being considered for this important role, and I would be happy to accept the position if it is offered to me.

Sincerely,

Kelly A. Love, Esq.

EXPERIENCE

Kizer & Black, Attorneys, PLLC, Maryville, Tennessee

Chief Manager, April 2016 – Present; Partner, January 2015 – Present; Associate, July 2011 – December 2014 As the Chief Manager, I am responsible for the administrative operations of the law firm including day-to-day management, financial management and budgeting, identifying and pursuing the firm's short-term and long-term goals, communicating and reaching decisions with my business partners, setting and implementing firm policies and objectives, supervising the employees and handling human resource matters, managing client and vendor relationships, overseeing the planning, equipping, and maintenance of our office facilities, and performing such other duties as needed to facilitate the smooth operation of the firm.

My legal practice focuses on representation of businesses beginning with entity formation (LLCs, corporations, non-profits) and continuing with the maintenance and operation of the business and finally transitioning to entity termination or business succession by sale, merger, or other transaction. In addition to entity formation documents, I review and draft a variety of business contracts such as letters of intent, purchase agreements (for both businesses and real estate), residential and commercial leases, buy-sell agreements, employment agreements, non-competition agreements, and non-disclosure agreements.

The Miller Law Firm, PLLC, Knoxville, Tennessee

Associate, July 2009 – July 2011

My practice focused on the representation of secured and unsecured creditors in connection with bankruptcy, foreclosures, loan workouts, lender liability litigation, and various real estate transactions.

The University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville, Tennessee

Adjunct Professor: Contract Drafting and Representing Enterprises, January 2010 – May 2015
I served as an adjunct professor for both Contract Drafting and a capstone course called Representing Enterprises. My goal for both courses was to teach law students how to draft, review, and edit various types of business contracts that they are likely to encounter in legal practice.

Kilpatrick Stockton LLP, Atlanta, Georgia

Associate. Real Estate Finance and Capital Markets, September 2007 – April 2009

My practice focused primarily on representation of commercial mortgage lenders, loan servicers, and successor borrowers in connection with securitized commercial mortgage loans and various commercial real estate transactions including loan assumptions, transfers of interests, easements, partial releases, lease reviews, defeasances, bifurcations, collateral swaps, successor borrower formations, and foreclosures.

Kilpatrick Stockton LLP, Atlanta, Georgia

Summer Associate, Summer 2006

My practice included experience within the Corporate and the Financial Real Estate and Capital Markets groups where I drafted contracts and mortgage-related documents, performed corporate due diligence, and researched both national and international consumer protection law.

The University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville, Tennessee

Teacher Assistant, January 2006 – May 2007

Assisted Professor Mark Jendrek in teaching Legal Process II; researched and selected legal issues for class assignments; reviewed and commented on student assignments and acted as a judge for oral arguments.

The University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville, Tennessee

Research Assistant, February 2005 - September 2005

Researched the legal remedies of rescission and restitution; edited and proofread Professor George W. Kuney's and Professor Robert M. Lloyd's Contracts I and II casebook.

ADI Consulting/ERS Group, Calabasas, California, and Knoxville, Tennessee

Independent Consultant, August 2003 - May 2005

Audited financial record information to ensure compliance with federal regulations (e.g., HMDA and CRA) for a top national mortgage lender located in Calabasas, California (both on-site and off-site); trained and supervised up to 20 employees; created a comprehensive report analyzing the client's lending performance with regard to the requirements of the Community Reinvestment Act.

EDUCATION

The University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville, Tennessee

Juris Doctor, May 2007

GPA: 3.73 / 4.3; Class Rank: 8 / 155.

Honors and Activities: Dean's List with Highest Honors; Tennessee Chapter of the National Order of the Coif; Clarence and Augusta Kolwyck Memorial Achievement Award; Real Estate Finance Award

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee

B.S. in Business Administration: Finance, May 2003

Cumulative GPA: 3.97 / 4.0; Business GPA: 4.0 / 4.0

Honors and Activities: Summa Cum Laude, Kimberly-Clark Corporation Scholarship; The National Dean's List; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Departmental Math Tutor; Educational Advancement Program Tutor

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Tennessee (2010) and Georgia (2007)

PUBLICATIONS

Kelly A. Love, Opinion Letters: Explanations and Analysis, 9 TRANSACTIONS: THE TENN. J. OF Bus. L. 9 (Fall 2007).

ASSOCIATIONS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Chair of Girls Inc. Blount Community Impact Committee and Member of Girls Inc. Corporate Board (2023 to 2024)

United Way of Blount County Board of Directors (2015 - 2021)

Named 2019's United Way Board Member of the Year

United Way's Community Impact Committee (2018 – 2021)

Foundation for the Blount County Public Library (2012 – 2017)

Leadership Blount Class of 2014 - Best Class Ever

American Bar Association, Member

Tennessee Bar Association, Member

Blount County Bar Association, Member

Knoxville Bar Association, Member