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To Whom It May Concern:

A year ago I got the idea to spend an extended time away from my office and give remote working a try (little did I know...). I left the Friday before Thanksgiving for Santa Fe, a place I have loved since I first visited in 1981. I stayed until the new year, and returned to Austin having made an offer on a 200-year-old adobe in Ranchos De Taos a block away from the much-photographed St. Francis de Assis Church, and bordering the beautiful mountain town of Taos. As I write this, great big snowflakes are whirling around my window, and I stop and pause to enjoy the snow. Although I am a native Texan, I grew up in Chicago and am delighted to be living in a place with snow and four distinct – but mild – seasons.

I closed on the adobe in February, and returned to Austin thinking I would travel back-and-forth a week here, two weeks there, for some years. Then, on March 13th when they closed the Travis County Courthouse, I returned to Taos for what I thought would be two weeks.

Well, much has changed.

The time away from Austin and the circumstances of all of our lives gave me a unique opportunity to be very focused on my practice and my desires. I love being a divorce and custody trial attorney, but I have come to love painting as well, and with a retired husband, I have a real desire to move my life towards retirement.

So, beginning January 1, 2021, the Law Office of Janet McCullar will no longer exist. Instead, my entire team will transition to a new firm and I will become Of Counsel to the family law firm of Hennan Culp, PC. A bit about John Hennan and Aaron Culp. We got to know each other when we were on opposite sides of a highly-contentious case in which they had become involved only three weeks before trial. I was hugely impressed by their professionalism and their skills in the courtroom and soon we began a friendship and a mentorship that lead to what I believe is the best business decision I have ever made.

I will continue to be active in my practice (I have trials already stacking up into the new year) working on my current cases and adding new cases too, but I will no longer handle the day-to-day administrative work of managing a practice or an office. John, Aaron and I have worked diligently over the last several months to make sure that the transition is seamless. For my clients, you are likely not to notice any change at all, except for the name of the firm, and you will have access to a bigger, dedicated team of family law professionals that will continue to grow into the coming year.

I am proud of what I have built over the course of my career; I am excited about this next state; and I am so grateful for all of you. I also want to say that this is possible in part because I have an incredible team who encourages and supports my vision and the coming changes: Erika Puente, my office manager (and wrangler of me) for many years, my dedicated, and hard-working paralegals Joshua Roberts and Sandra Guel Orta, and our wonderful litigation assistant, Jennifer Castillo.

Despite this pandemic, we have much to look forward to in 2021. I wish all of you the happiest holidays and much abundance in the coming year.

Kind Regards,

Janet McCullar

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