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December 19, 2011

The Honorable Janice K. Brewer
Governor
Executive Tower
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Resignation from the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One

Dear Governor Brewer:

Over twenty-two years ago I was fortunate to be hired as an Assistant Attorney General of the State of Arizona. I later served within the Attorney General's Office as Chief Counsel of the Tax Section and Solicitor General. In these positions, I was privileged to do legal work that most lawyers only dream of, including arguing before the United States Supreme Court, assisting the Legislature in crafting solutions to problems such as the alternative fuel vehicle subsidies, and advising the Governor regarding Indian gaming and school tax credits.

In 2002, I was honored to be appointed by Governor Jane Dee Hull to the Arizona Court of Appeals. During the past nine years I have decided thousands of appeals. Some were high profile, while others were of interest only to the participants. All, however, were vitally important to those involved. I have been blessed with outstanding colleagues and staff who treated each case with care, striving to serve the people of Arizona by applying the law in a reasonable and fair manner. It has been my personal and professional privilege to be a part of such a wonderful court.

I am extremely grateful for the opportunities I have had working for the State of Arizona. At this time I have decided to return to the practice of law. Therefore, I resign as a Judge of the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division One, effective at the conclusion of December 31, 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Irvine", is written over a horizontal line.

Patrick Irvine

cc: Chief Justice Rebecca White Berch
Chief Judge Lawrence F. Winthrop