Dear Molly,

I am writing to inform you that Melanie is leaving Stoel Rives effective today, August 12, to join Perkins Coie as a partner in the Benefits, Tax, and Compensation Group.  Melanie has been a respected and valued partner with Stoel Rives for many years, and we wish her well.

Melanie and I share the same goal, which is to ensure that all of the firm’s clients whom Melanie has served continue to receive consistent and exceptional service during and after this transition.  Toward that end, I understand that Melanie has done work for you in the area of health and welfare benefits, and she would like to continue to do so.  We will, of course, defer to your choice.

We have identified below the matter for which we would like your input.  Could you please highlight below what you would like us to do and “reply all” to this message?  If you reply after close of business today, we will forward a copy of your reply to Melanie.

**1. Everett School Employee Benefit Trust - 53709-1**

❑ Transfer this matter to Melanie Curtice

❑ Keep this matter at Stoel Rives LLP

❑ Transfer this matter to another lawyer (Please identify new lawyer)

❑ Close this matter and take no further action

After today, Melanie’s contact information at Perkins Coie will be:

Melanie Curtice

Partner

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If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jim

**James E. Torgerson**

**Firm Managing Partner**
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