DECLARATION

I, [name withheld for confidentiality purposes], state as follows:

1. I was a student in Judge Neil Gorsuch’s Legal Ethics class at the University of Colorado Law School during the spring semester 2016. There were approximately 40 to 50 students in that class.

2. Towards the end of that semester’s class, Judge Gorsuch began discussing with the class what it’s like to be a lawyer.

3. One of the topics he discussed was strongly gendered. Judge Gorsuch told our class that female lawyers get divorced at twice the rate of male lawyers. He also said that many female lawyers became pregnant, and questioned whether they should do so on their law firms’ dime. He asked the female students in my class what they would do if they became pregnant and about the impact of their pregnancies on their law firms. He also asked how they would take care of their children after those children were born.

4. In addition, Judge Gorsuch asked the students in that class whether they wanted to become district attorneys or public defenders, since, as he told the class, students who took the career path of public service would not be able to climb the ladder to get better jobs.

5. I am familiar with the difference between a law professor’s expressing his or her own views on a subject, as opposed to a law professor’s making provocative or controversial statements as a way to generate student comments and debate. Judge Gorsuch presented his discussions on the issues of female lawyers’ pregnancies, the
impact of those pregnancies of their law firms, and the impact of students’ choosing public interest careers as the way he personally felt about those subjects.

6. Despite the way that he framed those issues, Judge Gorsuch made it clear that he wanted to make sure that everyone in my Legal Ethics class would be heard.

The statements in this Declaration are based on my personal knowledge.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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