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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to write in support of Daniel Elles. I met Daniel in the fall of 2023 as a student in my LEX 5000 Law in Social Context class at Wayne State University. This was a three-credit synchronous online class that met each Thursday evening via Zoom for 2.5 hours.

This was an introductory course on the law, and, as such, the concepts introduced were largely foreign to the students. At the same time, students were assigned 40-60 pages of reading per week on average. Readings mostly consisted of full cases from the U.S. Supreme Court, circuit appellate courts, and state court cases as well as state and federal statutes and administrative regulations.

Just under forty students were enrolled in the class and Daniel was top among them. Academically, Daniel was always prepared with the readings and willing to contribute to the classroom discussion. Through both class discussions and assignments, Daniel demonstrated the ability to fully grasp complex concepts, draw insightful correlations, objectively analyze the material, and coherently express his thoughts. Daniel exhibited enthusiasm for the subject as well as a high standard of integrity for himself. He is an organized, conscientious, and curious learner and worker. He brought a wealth of knowledge, experience, and insight that deepened and enriched the course for all the students. His participation significantly contributed to the success of the course overall.

As a classmate, Daniel worked collaboratively with his partner on the group projects. He was flexible and adapted his chosen research project to incorporate that of his assigned partner. He elevated his partner's work product through his discipline and attention to detail during their collaboration. During the class presentations, he was attentive and supportive of his classmates. He showed genuine interest in their presentations and asked astute questions.

In sum, based on my over twenty years in legal practice, including over ten years working in the state court system, ten years in practice, and three years as an adjunct college professor, I believe Daniel Elles has the intellect, character, and determination to excel at any job or course of study chooses to pursue. I am pleased to give him my highest commendation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,



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