

April 10, 2012

To whom it may concern:

Re: Ms. Kendra King

Dear Sir or Madam:

I have been a practicing attorney thirty one (31) years; and I have taught undergraduates at the University of Rhode Island for over twenty (20) years. I deem myself qualified to offer this recommendation.

Ms. Kendra King was a student in the section of Political Science 288 that I taught during the Fall 2009 semester at URI. The course in question is entitled "Introduction to the American Legal System" and it is intended to acquaint students with the processes and procedures of the American Court System. Students enrolled in the course are required to engage in critical analysis of current issues respecting the legal system; and, in doing so, to consider the validity, or invalidity, of criticisms advanced by various political elements. Ms. King received an "A" for a course grade that semester. Her "A" was one (1) of only three (3) I awarded that semester in a class of thirty one (31) students. In my class, Ms. King distinguished herself by a vastly superior ability to analyze material and to communicate her understanding of course concepts. She is possessed of an outstanding ability to communicate, both orally and in written composition. Her motivation to excel was consistently exhibited by her attentiveness in class as well as her in depth inquiries, both in class discussion and in out-of-class exchanges with the instructor throughout the semester.

I was also impressed, and continue to be impressed, by Ms. King's motivation, and ability, to assist others in their educational endeavors. The semester that she was in my class, I called upon her, on a number of occasions, to assist students who were faced with personal issues which prevented them periodically from attending class, or who were otherwise struggling with the material. I note that Ms. King has continued that type of role, subsequent to completion of my course. During 2010 and 2011, she has worked

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both as a tutor and a mentor. In one particular mentor-tutor internship, during 2010 and 2011, she was called upon to provide counseling and guidance to middle school students faced with personal issues. These are activities which clearly exhibit a level of maturity and initiative significantly above that of the average undergraduate. It is my impression that, Ms. King is already in advance of the counseling skills of many law school graduates. Ms. King's academic abilities are obvious; but she is also the kind of caring and motivated individual who would prove to be a significant resource for whatever organization she becomes part of.

It is without reservations that I make this recommendation of Ms. King. If I might provide additional information or commentary, I am at your convenience.

Very Truly Yours,

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