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RE: Charity Prater

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Charity Prater for approximately eight years, and believe I know her well. Ms. Prater works in my office suite as a marketing coordinator for Babener and Associates, a law firm. She has also provided reception services for my office, and has assisted me in many projects. During her tenure here she has also attended college and worked as a journalist, both on a part-time basis.

Although having no legal training, Ms. Prater quickly became familiar with the workings of our office and its needs. Her organizational skills, intellect, and ability to anticipate potential problems make her nearly invaluable to the smooth functioning of our suite. She approaches her work without complaint, and takes a great deal of pride in what she does.

Observing Ms. Prater's growth as an individual has been particularly interesting. She began her employment with our office at age twenty. Within weeks it became apparent that, unlike many of her predecessors, she was extraordinarily energetic and ambitious. These traits have allowed her to focus on pursuing an education and career, while maintaining a self-sufficient lifestyle. To date, she has completed both a Bachelor of Arts and Masters Degree. I suspect that, at some point, she may also seek a doctorate degree in her chosen field.

Several years ago, Ms. Prater expressed an interest in journalism, and asked what I knew about it. By chance, a good friend of mine was working as a reporter for the Oregonian, and I introduced the two. Within one month, Ms. Prater had co-authored a story for the Oregonian. Later, she began writing articles for other publications in Portland. I understand that she has now authored at least seventy articles, and has a small freelance writing business. In addition, she provides marketing related services to the Babener firm, an ongoing responsibility which, from all appearances, she has handled extraordinarily well. Her ability to find, and forge a personal connection with, the subjects she has written about is special. This gift would be invaluable to anyone seeking a career in journalism or business.

I have always found Ms. Prater to be good natured and helpful to others. In situations where other staff members have had difficulties dealing with office personalities, she has been able to work with these individuals without complaint. Her work with clients, professional


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organizations, and attorneys who interact with our suite has also been excellent. These qualities are rare and greatly appreciated by those that work with, and around, her.

I have little doubt that Ms. Prater will do well in whatever profession she chooses, and would highly recommend her for employment by others.

Very truly yours,

  
Harris S. Matarazzo  
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