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Dear Colleague:

Please consider this letter as my strong endorsement of Ms. Abby Lenner's candidacy for the position of summer student with your firm.

I have known Ms. Lenner in my capacity as her Professor in Legislation & Public Law. Students conduct two Freedom of Information Act requests and report on their experience; conduct a stakeholder analysis of a Private Member/Public Bill; and redraft a piece of legislation on a current political issue with client reports. Students from my course have practical skills that can be of immediate assistance depending on your firm's needs.

From my first meeting with Ms. Lenner, I found her to be confident and very self-possessed. She is an engaged student. Her insights always serve to further our class discussions. The legislative drafting assignment was based on the current Australian legislation that requires internet service providers to create a "backdoor" for law enforcement purposes in their software. Ms. Lenner revealed her extensive knowledge and interest in information technology. I was particularly impressed with her unprompted generosity in sharing this knowledge with her colleagues. All too often students seek to retain knowledge advantages for their own submissions. Ms. Lenner actually prepared visual representation of the technology and shared her insights regarding the hazards of this legislative approach.

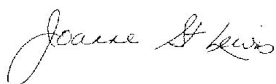
Since we met, I have been impressed with the manner in which she has always linked her activities to her goals and interests. She has a level of experience that would enable her to serve a diverse range of clients. She has excellent analytical abilities, strong writing skills and a keen interest in how legal theory can effectively respond to real world problems in business and other environments.

Ms. Lenner works very well independently. It is my assessment that Ms. Lenner would be very effective as a summer student. She would bring the strengths of strong research skills, excellent writing skills and a steady commitment to both the larger theoretical issues and the details and sensitivity necessary to address pressing legal problems. She has practical skills that are readily transferable to a law firm context including interviewing and presentation/client

communication. This competence was furthered in the course when she designed and conducted the interviews of government officials, business people and experts for the Private Member/Public Bill assignment.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss her candidacy further.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joanne St. Lewis".

Joanne St. Lewis
Assistant Professor