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To Whom It May Concern:

I am very pleased to recommend Abby Lenner for a summer associate position at your firm. Abby is a very talented and hard-working young lawyer who was a tremendous asset to me during my first term as the new director of the Samuelson-Glushko Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic (CIPPIC) at the University of Ottawa. Based on my experience of working with her, I have every confidence that she will excel at your firm this summer to such a degree that the case for taking her on as an articling student (not to mention a full-time associate) will be obvious.

Abby worked my CIPPIC colleagues on several of our most important files this semester, including our intervention before the Supreme Court in *Uber v. Heller*. My experience and interactions with her stem from a different project, in which CIPPIC is examining the implications of a particular provision of the recently concluded Canada-United States-Mexico (CUSMA) Trade Agreement on the ability of our federal and provincial governments to hold online intermediaries (such as Facebook and Google) responsible for the content that they distribute. This would be a very challenging project for a well-seasoned and well-rounded lawyer to take on, as it required delving into the law of treaties, the pith and substance and "incidental effects" doctrines (among other division of powers issues), the current state of the law of defamation in Canada, and the interaction of the foregoing with Section 2(b) of the Charter of Rights. Furthermore, the project required Abby to delve into the complex U.S. case law interpreting Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act of 1996—the law that inspired the CUSMA provision we were examining.

At every turn, Abby exceeded my expectations with the quality of her work. Her written work product was always thorough, thoughtful, and nuanced. What is more, Abby impressed me with the process by which she produced her work. She asked questions at every stage of the process to clarify expectations and sought guidance as needed. Furthermore, Abby took the initiative to provide me with outlines and early drafts of her work for my comment and review, to ensure that she was on the right track. We try to impart upon our students these and other skills that are so very important in legal practice, but we had no need to do so with Abby for she came to us with these skills in place.

Abby is equally effective when working on a project by herself or as a member of a team, but she especially shines in teamwork contexts thanks to her leadership abilities. Abby brings out the best in her teammates by offering constructive suggestions and being willing to offer assistance when the need arises. The work

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that some of her peers produced over the course of this semester clearly benefitted from the role Abby played as a teammate.

On a personal level, I tremendously enjoyed working with Abby and having her as a member of the CIPPIC team this semester. Abby is a dynamic, energetic, and optimistic young woman who was always a positive presence in our offices. She is always looking for ways to improve and is eager to receive and act upon constructive feedback—whether it is from me or her peers in the Clinic.

I think that Abby has the makings of a wonderful young lawyer, and I recommend her to you enthusiastically.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vivek Krishnamurthy', with a stylized, flowing script.

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