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To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to write this attorney's letter of recommendation for George Hayward, Esq.

My name is Steven Jacobson, and I am the President of Hopkinson Associates, LLC, a licensed real estate brokerage firm in New York City. I've been practicing law in New York for nearly 27 years, and in my time, I've had the opportunity to collaborate with many professionals. George stands out as a remarkably capable, diligent, and honest lawyer.

One of the most notable projects George and I worked on together involved facilitating the transfer of ownership for a Brooklyn bar named Daily Press and securing a liquor license for the establishment. George represented the buyer, while I represented the seller in this transaction. Throughout the process, George demonstrated exceptional legal acumen, drafting and negotiating essential documents such as the Letter of Intent, Non-Disclosure Agreement, Promissory Note, and Purchase Agreement. His attention to detail and thoroughness ensured that all aspects of the transaction were handled efficiently and with the utmost professionalism. I was particularly impressed by George's commitment to his client and the way he managed the closing process. The funds were secured on time, and now, nearly two years later, the business continues to thrive, providing jobs and contributing positively to the community. After closing, we worked together as one team to secure a liquor license for Daily Press as well.

Additionally, I had the opportunity to witness George argue a complex case solo before New York's Appellate Division (Hayward v. Site 4 DSA). Although George did not win the case, his oral argument was compelling and demonstrated a strong deep understanding of the law and an ability to advocate effectively under intense judicial inquiries. It was clear to me that George possesses not only the technical skills necessary for successful legal practice but also the poise and confidence needed to excel in high-pressure situations.

Beyond his professional capabilities, George is a person of integrity and honesty, and he finds reasonable solutions to challenging problems. I enjoy his stand-up comedy as well.

In conclusion, I highly recommend George Hayward as an attorney. He's not only a great advocate for his clients but also a pleasure to work on transactions with him. Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information at (646) 703-6651.

Sincerely,

Steven Jacobson, Esq.