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To: Law School Admissions Council

I have been asked by Chisholm Wight to write a letter of recommendation in support of his applications for admission to Credential Assembly Service-participating law schools. I have known Chisholm for a year and I am delighted to write a letter of recommendation for him. He is a student of mine in an upper division course, Contemporary Social Theory, in the sociology department at San Diego State University. He has done exceptionally well in the course to this point. He received an A in each of the first two exams and has also written two excellent papers. I believe that the papers are probably more significant in helping the schools make a determination on Chisholm’s academic ability. Papers for the theory course are more demanding than papers for many other courses because they require the ability to think critically and reason abstractly and complexly. His papers demonstrated these abilities and were well constructed, coherent and logically argued. Chisholm also participated regularly in the class discussions; asked thoughtful questions that showed both a genuine understanding and interest in the material. I got to know him a little better through the out of class assignments that I give. Each student has to watch a two documentaries and then come to talk with me about the during office hours. During the discussions, my opinion of Chisholm was confirmed. He was able to relate the documentary to the theories that we were discussing, showed a definite interest in the content of the documentary, and also demonstrated a sincere desire and commitment to learning. Academically, in comparison with upper division students that I have taught, over a thousand, Chisholm ranks in the top ten per cent. He also is one of the most mature undergraduates that I have taught, presents himself well in the classroom and interpersonal interactions and is highly articulate. I think he would be successful in both law school and as a professional. I give him my highest recommendation without qualification.

If I can provide any further information, I can be reached at [psemm@mail.sdsu.edu](mailto:psemm@mail.sdsu.edu) or 619-594-5906.

Sincerely,

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