

Letter of Recommendation Emphasizing Research and Writing Skills

[Date]

To the Admissions Committee,

I write to recommend [Student Name] for admission to your law school program. As [his/her/their] thesis advisor and professor at [University Name], I have supervised [his/her/their] research for [time period] and can speak confidently to [his/her/their] exceptional research and analytical writing abilities.

[Student Name]'s senior thesis on [topic] demonstrated research skills that exceed typical undergraduate work. [He/She/They] independently identified relevant sources, synthesized complex arguments from multiple disciplines, and developed an original analytical framework. The depth of research and sophistication of analysis in [his/her/their] 80-page thesis rival graduate-level work. [His/Her/Their] writing exhibits the clarity, precision, and logical structure essential for legal writing. [Student Name] crafts arguments methodically, anticipates counterarguments, and supports claims with carefully selected evidence. When I suggested revisions, [he/she/they] responded thoughtfully and improved the work substantially, demonstrating both intellectual humility and commitment to excellence.

Beyond technical skills, [Student Name] shows remarkable intellectual independence and persistence. [He/She/They] encountered significant challenges during the research process, including [specific challenge], but approached obstacles strategically and maintained focus on [his/her/their] research objectives.

[Student Name]'s work has received recognition beyond our institution. [His/Her/Their] paper on [topic] was accepted for presentation at [conference name], and [he/she/they] received [award/honor] for outstanding undergraduate research.

I have supervised numerous undergraduate theses over my [number] years in academia, and [Student Name] ranks among the top students I have mentored. [He/She/They] possesses the research skills, analytical abilities, and dedication to excel in legal education and scholarship.

I recommend [Student Name] enthusiastically and without reservation.

Sincerely,

[Professor Name]

[Title]

[Department]

[University Name]

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