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Letter of Recommendation for
William C. Bradford
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I first met Bill Bradford at the University of Miami School of Law, during the Spring Semester of 1999, when he was a student in my National Security Law Course. Since then I have had a continuing opportunity to follow his academic career while he was a student at UM, at Harvard's LL.M. program, as a prominent academic at Indiana University School of Law, Indianapolis, as a Graduate Student at the University of Florida and now at the United States Coast Guard Academy. Similarly, over the years Dr. Bradford and I have had the opportunity to work on several academic projects and we have developed a great friendship due in part to shared values and a love for teaching. Based on this history, it is my firm opinion that Bill Bradford is among the elite academic minds in America and one of the best teachers I have observed.

Several attributes immediately separate Bill from his contemporaries: intellect, amazing work ethic, historical perspective and dedication to higher education and scholarship. This combination of skills makes Dr. Bradford a wonderfully unique and powerful educator. Bill has the ability to understand and care about the world's larger issues without abandoning concern for dealing with the world's much less dramatic, but equally important problems. He has the motivation and skill to see even the most difficult matter through to its legal and logical conclusion without losing sight of why we are studying the issue to begin with. It is Bill's common touch combined with his intellectual prowess that are truly distinguishing and make him an exceptional colleague and student mentor.

Although not a particularly common value in academics today, Bill Bradford is also a patriot. His patriotism, like everything else in his life, is a well-contemplated philosophy. He is one of the few academics I have known who wants to make a contribution to our society, and really understands what that means. Bill's experiences in life demonstrate not simply a desire to help make things better, but also the ability to accomplish the mission in the real world.

Perhaps the most significant complement I can pay to any colleague is to say that I would seek out that colleague if I needed help in resolving a difficult professional issue. Bill Bradford is clearly among the very small number of professionals I trust and respect enough to consult. His selflessness, loyalty, and intellect are values I prize and values I think will always be included in the catalog of attributes distinguishing the truly outstanding contributors.

Bill Bradford is the classic "man for all seasons." His accomplishments span the academic, social, professional, and athletic scales. He has thrived, not simply succeeded, at every level of every endeavor. It is difficult for me to imagine a more capable, more polished, more humane or more deserving applicant.

While I was Academic Dean at the Army's Judge Advocate General's School, I had the opportunity to select many young scholars for positions on our faculty members. If I was in that position today and had to select a new faculty member from among the military's best legal minds, Bill Bradford would clearly be my first choice.

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