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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to serve as a reference for Eileen Petzold-Bradley who is a candidate for the 2020-2022 ABA Section on Dispute Resolution Fellowship Program. She is a remarkable student with an extensive background in both practice and academia. I enthusiastically recommend her for the current scholarship for which she is applying at the American Bar Association.

I have known Eileen for three years and have had the opportunity to supervise her closely during this period. She has served as my Graduate Assistant and been my right hand in several graduate level courses that I teach (i.e. Mediation, Systems Design, Internships, Facilitation ...etc.), I serve as her dissertation chairperson, and I have had the utmost pleasure to have her in a number past classes. In addition, I was her faculty advisor in advanced internship programs. In each case, she has consistently proven herself as an excellent professional, solid writer, gifted student, and thoughtful colleague. She is responsive, dynamic, authentic, and genuinely kind which in all make her a joy to work with!

Eileen is an academic professional with diverse interests and multidisciplinary experiences. Her most extensive expertise lies in training and intercultural competency education. She has been working in her own company, EP Bradley coaching, conducting trainings and coaching on the topics of conflict resolution, cross-cultural understanding and communication in organizations as a professional for over the past four years now.

As a professor who has worked very closely with Eileen Petzold-Bradley, I have been impressed by her extensive accomplishments and ambitious nature. She is almost at the status of ABD and I expect her to defend a dissertation that will yield valuable contributions to her field of conflict resolution. Her current research interest and work address cultural implications of online dispute resolution and looking at intercultural sensitivity in mediation models.

She has experience mentoring and teaching graduate students in a university environment nearly continuously since 2017. She has a true gift in the classroom and is particularly adept at mixing academic theory and real-world examples to help students understand complex issues of conflict resolution topics from theory to practice. She has taken on leadership roles as well and serves as the Student Director for the Community of Practice Working group and her leadership has been outstanding in creating the vision and making initiatives for this group. As a trainer and teacher, she has directly demonstrated that her teaching skills include an impressive combination of knowledge of the subject matter, creativity, eloquence, and personal passion.

During my years of teaching, research and administration at the university level at the doctoral level, I have had the privilege to work with many bright and motivated students; however, Eileen is among one of the most talented students and scholars I have had the honor to work with in my professional career. In fact, her accomplishments and achievements are similar to many seasoned

practitioners and trainers in the field in many respects, so I can only imagine what impressive contributions she will make in her future career. She is an exceptional doctoral student and I am certain that the rest of the faculty who have had the pleasure of working with Eileen share my opinion.

I am confident that her success in research, instruction, and close work with specialists in the conflict resolution field makes her well equipped to be an effective recipient for the scholarship you are providing. Eileen has had an excellent academic career at Nova Southeastern University that will enable her to perform well in her role as a fellow under this scholarship.

It is therefore with utmost pleasure that I most highly recommend Eileen Petzold-Bradley for this unique opportunity you are providing, and I can assure you that she will not only meet your expectations but exceed them twofold. Given her experience and excellence in coursework, research, and publications, Eileen will be an exceptional candidate for fellowship because she has had an academic and professional career that in all accounts appears to be customized as well as a perfect fit for the current position.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding Eileen. I will be very pleased to provide more information and/or answer any questions. I may be reached at (954) 900-5308 or georgako@nova.edu.

Sincerely,



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