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COLLEGE OF LAW

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University of California
Berkley School of law
Boalt Hall
Attention: Admissions Department
Berkley, CA 94720-7200

Re: Mr. Gabriele Piermartini, Italian Exchange Student

Dear Admissions Committee Members,

I am writing to provide my unconditional support for Mr. Gabriele Piermartini in his application for admission to Boalt Hall School of Law. I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Piermartini as a student in my spring 2009 Criminal Procedure course. By all accounts, including an exceptional grade of B+ in the course, Mr. Piermartini will excel in his further pursuit of American legal studies. I have no doubt that Mr. Piermartini will graduate from an American law school and be able to pass the bar of any state in our nation.

Mr. Piermartini was one of the most engaged students I had in the course. He was always eager to appreciate the materials and never missed a day of class. His aptitude for the subtleties of the English language and the American judicial system were consistently impressive. He would visit with me after class about the distinctions between Italian Criminal Procedure and American Criminal Procedure.

Interestingly, Mr. Piermartini was a police officer in his native country. He shared many personal stories that convinced me of his dedication and desire to serve the law in this newfound and distinct manner as a lawyer. I have full confidence that Mr. Piermartini will perform at or above the level of other international student admitted to your program. He is slightly older than the traditional student which partly explains his extraordinary maturity and sophistication regarding his approach to justice.

Far too often students come to law school ill-prepared for the demands of our profession – either intellectually or academically. Imagine the difficulty of excelling in a law school half way around the world in an unknown culture (from Italy to Oklahoma) and in a second language. To me, Mr. Piermartini's abilities transcend his classroom success. He was very well liked by his peers in Oklahoma and seemed to blend right in. His transition to American legal studies was seamless and indicated to me that he will have little difficulty, if any, in transitioning to full time legal studies in the United States.

Most importantly, Mr. Piermartini is a warm, genuine and honorable person. He is the type of individual you would want to represent Berkley in the future because he will instantly improve our profession and your alumni. He is joyful, insightful, thoughtful (in every sense of the word), generous, patient and a tireless student. He is humble, just and tolerant. If my experience with him during his brief time in Oklahoma is any indicator, Mr. Piermartini will be an absolute pleasure to be around in the academic setting.



Mr. Piermartini has made it very clear to me that his dream is to become a student at Berkley. And, while many students likely share this dream, Mr. Piermartini has all the requisite credentials and the impeccable character to merit receiving a chance at living this dream. He is an extraordinary individual on an extraordinary journey. No matter where he goes, he will undoubtedly be successful. But, it is my desire for him that he receives his chance at his dream school. Your college, your student body and your faculty will all be better off by sharing in his adventures. I can say without any reservation that the short time I shared with Mr. Peirmartini enriched my life as a professor. This is an individual that you will be proud to call a graduate and excited to know. As his Italian Dean indicated in his application to us at OU, he is surely one of the best students Italy has to offer!

I am confident that Berkley will benefit from Mr. Piermartini's many talents and infectious personality. For these reasons, and all those listed above, I unequivocally support his application. If I can be of any further assistance or provide additional support, please do not hesitate to call me at (405) 514-1811.

My warm regards,



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