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Criminal Defense Investigation Training Council
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RE: Sylvia Palma

I am an attorney licensed to practice law in California and Washington D.C. I am also a Certified Criminal Law Specialist and have been a criminal defense lawyer for nearly 17 years. I handle only the most serious cases, which include Murder with Special Circumstance (including Death Penalty), Sexual Assault Crimes, and other Serious or Violent Felonies.

It is with great pleasure and delight that I write this letter of recommendation on behalf of Investigator Sylvia Palma. I have known Ms. Palma for several years and thus am uniquely qualified to give an opinion on her character and professional abilities.

1. Reputation for ethical inquiry

Ms. Palma has an outstanding reputation in our legal community. She is known as someone who is extremely diligent in her work and will leave no stone left unturned. She is known for always being professional and for acting in accordance with the rules and standards of her profession. For example, when interviewing witnesses, she is known for being respectful and asking only the appropriate questions. She does not lead witnesses in their testimony, but rather she encourages them to tell the truth.

2. Intellectual acuity and knowledge

Ms. Palma intellectual acuity is beyond impressive. She has a remarkable ability to answer any question or issue with tremendous insight backed up with irrefutable knowledge. I have often turned to her to seek her advise on a variety of subject matters. There is no question she cannot answer. She can be trusted to deliver.

3. Accomplishments and Qualifications

Ms. Palma has displayed all the qualifications needed to be a superior investigator. She has the experience, intellect, training, and skills to be a great investigator. I know of many attorneys who have made specific requests that Ms. Palma be assigned to their cases because of her investigation skills. I have personally asked her to be my investigator on some of my toughest cases, including my most recent Murder with Special Circumstance case which resulted in a "hung jury" due in large part to her investigation efforts.

4. Skill level as a criminal defense investigator

There is no case that Ms. Palma cannot handle. She has handled the most complex of cases, including DNA case litigation, to the most serious cases of Murder with Special Circumstance. She has no fear and does not give up. Having Ms. Palma an investigator will insure that the client will get the best investigator possible and that all the investigation will be done professionally, timely and with the utmost confidence in the work product.

If you have any questions or further inquiry, please do not hesitate to contact me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray A. Buenaventura', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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