*The Committee for Public Counsel Services*

*Youth Advocacy Division*

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Reference in Support of Juvenile Appeals Certification Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [name of applicant] has applied for inclusion on the Committee for Public Counsel Services’ panel of attorneys who are certified to handle appeals of delinquency, youthful offender and juvenile murder cases. The applicant has given your name as a reference. Kindly provide us with the following information.

Kindly email this reference as a typewritten Word or PDF attachment to: [yadappeals@publiccounsel.net](mailto:yadappeals@publiccounsel.net). In the subject line, please identify the mail as **“Reference for [Name of Applicant] – Juvenile Appeals”**.

1. Please provide your name, title, and phone number.

2. How long have you known the applicant?

3. In what capacity have you worked (or been associated) with the applicant?

4. Briefly summarize the applicant’s ability to relate to and work with teens and young adults.

5. Please assess the applicant’s abilities in the following areas. Please be as detailed as possible and give examples, where appropriate.

A. Writing ability:

B. Research ability:

C. Ability to spot legal issues:

D. Knowledge of the substantive and procedural law regarding delinquency, youthful offender and/or juvenile murder cases:

E. Ability to organize time and meet deadlines:

F. Areas for improvement:

6. Briefly summarize your evaluation of the applicant’s ability to handle appeals. If you are unable to comment on the applicant’s ability to handle appeals, please comment on the applicant’s general legal abilities.

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct.

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Date Signature