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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that Michael Distefano, while a student at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, participated in my banking law class at William S. Boyd School of Law during the 2002 summer session.

Under my instruction, Michael gained a solid understanding of the federal and state laws governing bank regulation. Topics covered in the course included entry into the banking business, bank activities and investment limitations, deposit taking and capital requirements, internet banking, branch and interstate banking, bank holding company expansion, affiliation between banks and other companies, mutual fund regulation, bank examination and enforcement, regulation of failing and failed banks, and international banking. As part of the course, Michael also completed a scholarly article addressing a recent and important issue regarding banking law.

In all of the above activities, Michael demonstrated a keen intellect and the qualities of an astute legal scholar. I enjoyed instructing Michael during the course and would be delighted to provide further information upon request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael W. Strong". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Michael W. Strong