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Judge Dennis T. Waldron
Criminal District Court
Section F
2700 Tulane Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70119

RE: Christopher C. Nabors

Dear Judge Waldron:

I have recently learned of Dr. Nabors' tragic fatal car accident and his conviction on vehicular homicide. I was contacted by his family to express my opinion of his character during my contact with him when he was a student in Pediatrics at University Medical Center in Lafayette. Dr. Nabors served an eight week Pediatric rotation at University Medical Center from October through December, 1993. I remember Dr. Nabors well because he was an extraordinary student in every regard. Our teaching experience for students at University Medical Center in Lafayette is unique in that the majority of the experience is one-on-one education. The faculty and students interact to a much greater degree than most similar situations. During that eight week rotation, I spent approximately five and a half weeks with Dr. Nabors with contact no less than four hours each day (and some days much longer). The remainder of the rotation I saw him almost daily. Dr. Nabors was an extraordinarily well-prepared and mature student who was committed to making himself the best possible physician and Oral Surgeon that he could be. He had gone far beyond the minimum requirements to become an Oral Surgeon and was quite impressive in that regard. Not only had Dr. Nabors taken the extra time in his life to become the best possible Oral Surgeon, he truly invested himself in the Pediatric rotation even though his Pediatric experience would have little to do with his future as an Oral Surgeon. He was very involved with not only our patients but their families. During his rotation, we had a particularly difficult family and patient who was challenging and stressful to all of us, myself included. Chris proved himself to be exceptionally mature in handling the family, patient, and the adverse atmosphere created by the problems generated by that family and the child's illness.

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In summary, I had the opportunity to closely observe and interact with Dr. Nabors in a professional setting during the period of October through December, 1993. It was clear that he was a physician and individual of the highest caliber and capabilities. He also exhibited extraordinary human compassion and patience. There was never any hint of a reason to question his moral or ethical character.

Certainly there is little anyone could do to repay a wrongful death. Dr. Nabors is an individual that (given the opportunity) has an extraordinary amount to contribute to society in terms of his skills in health care. I hope that he will one day have the opportunity to use the skills he has to help others. I would not hesitate to have him care for either myself or my family.

Sincerely,

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