

To whom it may concern,

I have known Sheila Lucile McCrea for a number of years and I am delighted to have the opportunity to write a recommendation for her. I first met Lucile when she majored in philosophy at Bryn Mawr College. In fact, as an undergraduate, Lucile already showed her impressive intellectual abilities by double majoring in both Chemistry and Philosophy. She was a straight A student, who graduated near the top of her class, despite the fact that she was one of the youngest--if not the youngest--freshman to enter Bryn Mawr College. She displayed a maturity, both intellectual and emotional, that enabled her to pursue her studies in these two very different fields and to excel in both of them.

At that time, only the brightest and most accomplished seniors were invited to write the long paper known as "honors." The Department of Philosophy invited Lucile to undertake this work. She not only completed the work on time, but she wrote an excellent, indeed an extraordinary, paper, showing that she could work independently, could find the most significant sources, and could express complex, abstract ideas clearly and articulately. Her paper displayed a careful analysis of issues and her criticism of other thinkers exhibited great skill and deadly accuracy in finding their weak points.

Sheila Lucile McCrea focused on International Law in law school, earning a B or better in her courses in International Law while at the same time rearing three teenage children as a single parent.

After law school, Lucile pursued the Diploma in International Law (Queens' College) at Cambridge. Since the granting of that diploma, she has practiced law in two jurisdictions, has had two published cases, the first of which is being used as teaching material in at least one textbook, and has drafted legislation that has been introduced by the Congress of the United States.

The great success Sheila Lucile Graham enjoyed not only as a philosophy undergraduate, but also in her later career in law, reveal great analytical skills as well as an ability to translate her findings into impressively clear prose. Her ability and her proven record show that Lucile can succeed in any field of endeavor. I could not recommend her more highly.

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