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Reference for Hanna Juszkiwicz

I know Miss Hanna Juszkiwicz as a recent student of mine at the University of Gdańsk. I had the pleasure of teaching Hanna for various courses during the last two years of her degree programme, as well supervising and examining her undergraduate dissertation prior to her graduation in June 2008. Hanna achieved a final grade of 5 for her *licencjat* (BA degree), the highest obtainable grade and more or less equivalent to a first class degree in a British university. I consider this grade to be an accurate reflection of Hanna's ability and was consistent with her academic performance during the time that I taught her. In my estimation, Hanna's degree result and performance ranks her in the top 5% of the total cohort of approximately fifty students on her particular course of studies. In the three years that I have been teaching at this university I consider Hanna to be one of the most able and talented students I have taught. Indeed, I would assess Hanna's abilities to be comparable with some of the best undergraduates I previously taught when lecturing at a British university.

Hanna's final-year dissertation was a particularly impressive piece of work. It exhibited a deep and mature understanding of the problems involved in teaching Legal English in which she was able to utilize and demonstrate her knowledge of legal systems, gained as a student in the Law department. In this work not only did Hanna display a strong grasp of the conceptual issues involved but she also dealt skilfully with a wide range of secondary literature.

Not only was Hanna always a very pleasant student to teach but she also maintained excellent relations with her peers. Although by nature she tended to be a quieter member of seminar classes, when she did make contributions to discussions they were guaranteed to be intelligent and thoughtful. She could be relied upon to give a thorough, thoughtful and well-prepared analysis which would also display industry and initiative in terms of background reading and research. Additionally, during the time that I taught her, Hanna's attendance record was excellent, which is a good indication of how committed she was to her studies.

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Hanna's language skills are highly proficient and I consider these to be more than adequate to enable her to develop her career in Britain. Testimony to this is the fact that in terms of oral communication I am able to converse with Hanna as I would with a native speaker and her written work displays an impressively accurate and sophisticated use of the language that would put some of her British peers to shame.

It is with great pleasure that I am able to recommend Hanna to you and do so in the full confidence that she is a graduate of the highest calibre and would be a great asset to your organisation.



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