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To Whom It May Concern:

I have had the pleasure of knowing Vitaly Yurkiv since 2008 when he attended the Russian Jessup as a National Administrator of the Ukrainian Jessup and afterwards invited the Russian Administration team to Kyiv to share the experience and to help with the organization of the Ukrainian Rounds. That was the first year Mr. Yurkiv organized the Ukrainian Jessup. That year we also met in Washington DC at the International Rounds of the Jessup Competition, where we were invited to assist in the organization of this huge event and to support teams from our countries.

I would first of all like to compliment Mr. Yurkiv on his profound management skills that he showed when organizing a long term project that involved communication with a great number of people: students – participants of the Jessup competition, legal professionals – judges of the competition, public officials, vendors, numerous volunteers from different NGOs, colleagues at Magisters, providing marketing and administrative support, etc.

It was also remarkable how Mr. Yurkiv and his team managed a complex logistics project that included negotiations with venues, preparing instructional materials (for students, judges and bailiffs of the Competition), marketing and branding activities, administrative preparations, and writing reports. Mr. Yurkiv managed to increase the number of universities participating in the Ukrainian rounds, which allowed two teams instead of one to represent the country at the International Rounds of the Jessup Competition in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Yurkiv's dedication to the project is also worth emphasizing: he found it necessary to attend the International Rounds in order to be able to observe the best organizational practices in Washington, D.C. and further implement them in the Ukrainian Jessup without financial support of his company in times of the economic crises. Mr. Yurkiv's professionalism allowed him to establish a number of business contacts in Washington. He also made a great number of friends due to his pleasant and easy-going personality.

Without hesitation, I highly recommend Vitaly Yurkiv for any position or endeavor that he may pursue. Mr. Yurkiv will be a valuable asset for any organization or program.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any question or need more information.

Best regards,



Olga Pryanichnikova

Project Manager