

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Re: EMIL MIHAI LIXANDRU

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I have known Emil for over five years, both professionally and personally and he is a good friend.

Emil is a most disciplined and punctual person. He is very reliable. He is progressive, dynamic, and thoroughly motivated. His ability to work efficiently and calmly under stressful situations and extremely tight deadlines speaks volumes about his work ethic, determination and composed demeanour.

As a professional, in the UK, Emil has practiced both as a Defence Lawyer (Direct Access Barrister) and Prosecutor Agent for the Crown Prosecution Service. His over nine years of Post-Qualification Experience (PQE) both in the Romanian civil law and the British common law systems together with his two Masters of Laws (LL.M) have given him the possibility to get involved in a variety of cases, such as for example the family case of forced adoption, *Lincolnshire County Council vs The Chirițăș*, a case that became viral in the Romanian mass media as well as the notorious case of human trafficking: modern slavery, *Ajayi vs Abu and another [2017] EWHC 1946* heard in the High Court at the Royal Courts of Justice in London, a case that kept the front pages of all British tabloids for quite a while.

I consider that Emil is an able, dedicated, hard-working, conscientious, well educated, well mannered, polite and trustworthy person.

Further, Emil is an experienced and skilled lawyer, who works hard to achieve success in all cases he undertakes.

Yours faithfully,

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Stuart Stevens  
Barrister,  
Head of Chambers