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Professor Clark D. Cunningham  
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Re: Recommendation of Professor Judith Maute – National Award for  
Innovation and Excellence in Teaching Professionalism

Dear Professor Cunningham:

I write to express my enthusiastic endorsement of the nomination of William J. Alley Professor of Law Judith Maute for this prestigious award.

Professor Maute, who has taught Professional Responsibility for many years and is a splendid teacher, created the best pro bono program I have seen anywhere. The Students for Access to Justice organization she established permits students to become involved in major pro bono cases. She recognized that pro bono efforts are a significant ethical responsibility of all lawyers. By getting students involved at an earlier stage in their careers, this responsibility is ingrained into their sense of professional obligation.

The program has been well received by both the practicing bar and by our students, and all are greatly energized in fulfilling this important ethical responsibility.

In my view, Professor Maute is certainly deserving of this award. Her dedication to the teaching of Professional Ethics and her creativity in establishing this important program are exactly the kind of activities this award was established to highlight and encourage.

Very truly yours,

Andrew M. Coats  
Dean and Professor  
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