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To whom it may concern,

Markus Stocker interned at Clark & Parsia, LLC, in Washington, DC, from early February 2008 till late January 2009. During that period I worked closely with him and formed a very positive overall impression of Markus as a computer science researcher, software programmer, and colleague.

During the internship period, Markus worked on basic and applied research in the areas of artificial intelligence, knowledge representation, Semantic Web, and related areas. He contributed substantially to the intellectual property portfolio of the firm in both research and engineering roles.

Markus handled his duties as a researcher with patience, skill, intelligence, and collegiality. He was always prepared for meetings, wrote clear and succinct emails, and engaged profitably in independent study and research of relevant technical literature. I especially appreciated Markus's willingness to engage with new ideas and technical challenges enthusiastically.

He also displayed professionalism and skill as a software engineer. The quality of his programming work with and for colleagues improved during his internship, as a result of his willingness to learn by observation and to incorporate feedback from colleagues. By the end of his internship period, Markus was working on a complex and tight-deadlined software project for a Fortune 500 customer, and his work demonstrated all the qualities we seek when evaluating future employees.

In short, Markus handled everything we asked of him, across a wide range of tasks, including some that weren't especially pleasant or glamorous; and he did all of this unfailingly and without complaint or evasion.

I would not hesitate to work with Markus Stocker again if the opportunity should arise. I unreservedly recommend him for any position in which he can use his considerable skills, professionalism, and talent.

Sincerely,

Kendall Grant Clark Managing Principal

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