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To whom it may concern:

I am an Assistant Federal Defender for the Southern District of Florida and I recently tried a case wherein the defendant was indicted for violations of the securities laws of the United States. The allegations were that my client was involved in manipulation of the penny stock market or a "pump and dump" scheme, as it is known. When I first received the case I had absolutely no knowledge of the world of securities at all. I knew I needed to retain an expert in the field to assist me in preparing the matter for trial. I was referred to Michael Levas by a colleague of mine who spoke highly of Michael and had used his services in the past.

In short, Michael was fantastic. We met on numerous occasions and he basically taught me everything I needed to know to challenge the FBI agent who had been working these type of cases for over twenty years. More importantly, he gave me every bit of ammunition I needed in order to cross-examine the government informant who was a disgraced broker/trader who had been caught in his own fraudulent scheme and who set my client up in order to escape prison for his own indictment. Michael's expertise and knowledge were critical in preparing me for the cross-examination of the informant/broker. Without his assistance, I would have been lost. With his help, I was able to make the informant look like the liar he was and my client was acquitted. I am convinced that this result would not have been possible without Michael's consultation and assistance. I could not have asked for a better, more knowledgeable person to work with. Furthermore, Michael was available to testify as an expert witness at the trial if that was needed. In closing, I give Michael Levas the highest recommendation possible as someone to consult with in the areas of securities, stocks, commodities etc. If you need any further input please don't hesitate to call me at 954-640-7108.

Very truly yours,

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