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To whom it may concern:
(Re: Letter of Recommendation for Edward Sheldon, Ph.D. (Soc Sec 059-44-1217))

I am happy to write a letter for Edward Sheldon, Ph.D., documenting his educational and professional experience in the United States, and highly recommending that he be licensed as a Medical Psychologist. Dr. Sheldon's educational and professional training and experience qualify him highly for work as a medical psychologist, in my professional opinion.

I have known Dr. Sheldon's work from 1979 onward, beginning with his time as a student in the Master's Program in Clinical Psychology at Antioch Los Angeles, where I am a long-term faculty member. In this program he did outstanding work both academically and clinically (in clinical training and clinical courses). He was a highly intelligent and eager student with excellent natural clinical ability.

Dr. Sheldon obtained additional training in clinical hypnotherapy after graduation and obtained the demanding license as a Marriage and Family Therapist in the State of California, having carried out 3000 hours of practice under professional supervision. As a clinician and clinical hypnotherapist he worked with high professional standards and excellent success with a broad range of patients and problems. He was particularly involved with medical-related cases.

For his doctoral study, Dr. Sheldon completed the Ph.D. degree at International College, a private institution which was fully approved by the California Board of Psychology as a school providing degrees fulfilling the educational requirements for licensure as a Clinical Psychologist in California. During these years I was an adjunct faculty member at International College, supervising a number of doctoral dissertations on the basis of my academic credentials (a Ph.D. from Harvard University, Department of Social Relations). I also read Dr. Sheldon's dissertation at the time, and provided informal professional consultation. I can attest that the school maintained high standards of excellence, and that Dr. Sheldon's work was of superior quality, breaking new ground in applications of clinical hypnotherapy.

As a clinician, my experience in professional consultation with Dr. Sheldon is that he is highly skilled at diagnosis and evaluation. He provides high-quality treatment sensitive to the individual needs of the patient. For many years he developed and deepened his work through specializing in clinical hypnotherapy and biofeedback, often with patients with medical-related disorders. He carried out a successful professional practice in Los Angeles for twenty years, including excellent supervision of marriage and family therapy interns with interests in medical psychology.

I hope this letter is helpful for you in evaluating Dr. Sheldon's credentials. I am confident that his educational and professional background qualify him for licensure. If I can provide further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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