

## **SAMPLE CHARACTER REFERENCE LETTER – ADULT CHILD**

The Honorable Rebecca Lawson

United States District Judge

[Address of the Court]

Dear Judge Lawson,

My name is Rachel Thompson, and I am the 27-year-old daughter of Michael Thompson, who now comes before your Court. I am writing because I want to share my perspective of my father as I have known him throughout my life. While I understand he has been convicted, and I will not comment on the legal matters, I believe it is important that you know him as more than a case file.

My father has always been the central influence in my life. Growing up, I watched him juggle the challenges of work, family, and community service with a steady sense of responsibility. He was never the loudest person in the room, but he was the one who consistently showed up.

One of my earliest memories is of Saturday mornings when he would take me and my younger brother to the local library. While other kids might have gone to the mall or played video games, Dad wanted us to love learning. He would sit with us for hours, helping us pick out books and asking questions about what we read. Looking back, I realize how much those weekends shaped my academic journey—I went on to graduate from college and now work as a teacher, a path inspired by the curiosity and patience he instilled in me.

My father's commitment to service extended outside our home. In high school, I remember he volunteered to coach our community's little league baseball team. He didn't do it because I played—I wasn't even on the team—but because he believed every kid deserved a mentor. Some of those boys came from difficult backgrounds, and I recall one of them, Jacob, often didn't have a ride home. My father would drop him off, making sure he was safe, and he even helped him with school applications later on. Years afterward, Jacob told me that my dad was the first adult who



made him feel like he had potential. That's who my father is at his best—someone who invests in others quietly but meaningfully.

I also want to share how he supported me personally during one of the hardest seasons of my life. At age 19, I struggled with anxiety and considered leaving college. My father was the one who drove four hours every weekend to see me, walking with me across campus and listening to my worries without judgment. His steady reassurance helped me stay in school and graduate. That commitment, both practical and emotional, shows the depth of his character.

I know he now faces consequences for his actions, and he has spoken to me openly about his regret. He understands the seriousness of what has happened, and I can see the weight he carries. But I also know that his core values—the same ones that shaped me—remain intact.

What I want you to know most is that he is not facing this journey alone. My brother and I, along with our extended family, will continue to stand by him. We will provide support, accountability, and encouragement as he works to rebuild. He has always been there for us, and now it is our turn to be there for him.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my perspective. I hope these examples give you a fuller understanding of Michael Thompson, not just as a defendant, but as the father who raised me with patience, love, and integrity.

Respectfully,

Rachel Thompson

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