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District Attorney-Elect Fani Willis
141 Pryor Street, Suite 3030
Atlanta, Georgia, 30303

Re: Michael Makins, Director of Graphics and Courtroom Presentation

Dear Ms. Willis,

It is my pleasure to recommend Michael Makins for a position within your administration as District Attorney of Fulton County.

I have worked with Michael since he started his employment with Fulton County as Director of Graphics and Courtroom Presentations. I work with him in preparing evidence for presentation in motions and trial, and on special projects. Michael is an incredibly talented and passionate individual who rises above expectations in his role.

Michael brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his role, but is always evolving and finding new and innovative ways to help attorneys present their evidence. He combines tangible evidence with his creativity to engage the court and juries in the State's presentation, bringing to life the prosecutor's arguments. For example, he took a victim and witness testimony along with a 911 call and bodycam videos presented in a trial and created a graphic to show corroboration across all the evidence. In another case, he enhanced a surveillance video of a crime with an audio overlay of a confession in a defendant's jail call so as the video played, the jury heard the defendant describing what they were watching.

In addition to his professional contributions, Michael is a calming presence in the office. He is incredibly positive, and despite the chaos of daily activity in the office, maintains his cool demeanor. He brings integrity and dignity to his work and compels others to act the same.

If you need more information or additional examples, please do not hesitate to contact me at (248) 701-3852, or by e-mail at lauren.mcauley@gmail.com. As a recommendation letter likely only provides a snapshot of Michael's talents and achievements, I would be happy to further elaborate on my time working with him.

Sincerely,

Lauren McAuley