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Letter of reference for Susan Fortney, visiting scholar at the Faculty of Law in spring term 2001.

In spring term 2001 our Faculty hosted a Fulbright scholar Susan Fortney. She offered to our students a remarkable course on Ethics. We do not have such course so her visit was welcome refreshment not only in terms of substance but also in terms of form to our curriculum. It attracted substantial number of students in spite of the fact that it was offered in busiest term of a school year and that involved quite substantial workload for no credits.

I had an opportunity to attend a couple of classes and also talked to some of the students. They did not complain because of the workload, quite the opposite: they were enthusiastic about the new teaching methods that were introduced to them. In our system the most common method is still delivering lectures "*ex cathedra*" so you can imagine that students were thrilled to enjoy something else: interviews with lawyers in Slovenia, communication with her students in Texas, case studies, "mind games" etc. "The best I have ever attended" was the most common answer that they gave to me, when I asked them about the experience. Prof. Fortney's work did not end in a classroom, her office doors stayed open for her students and for all Faculty members as well, during all day.

I am glad that I used opportunity to meet her at her very first days at the Faculty. She is an excellent person to discuss various legal issues. For me she represented the spirit of Harvard, the Faculty that I just a year before she came to Slovenia. Prof. Fortney was always an endless source of useful advises that all of us and

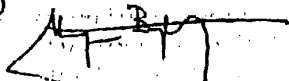
specially students needed with their various work. Some of students from her group were inspired by her and decided to continue their study abroad as well.

I was honored to become friend with a person of her caliber. She is inspiring not just as a teacher but also as a human being. During her stay in Ljubljana she got to know most interesting people and become involved in most interesting events. Her friendly spirit was present in her classroom and I am convinced that her students loved that spring term just because of her. Our Faculty was privileged that she wanted to come to Slovenia and used her stay her and contribute to the improvement of our study.

I would be most happy if we would have more professors like Prof. Fortney at our Faculty. It is true that we have very different educational system, in many cases mostly restrained because of the financial means. However qualities that Prof. Fortney offered to us do not depend on financial resources. She introduced to the members of our Faculty new, effective teaching methods that will be able to use to improve our system and foster student work. I am strongly convinced that our Faculty will find a way to continue to cooperate with her in the future as well.

Sincerely

Maja Bogataj



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