

To: Whom It May Concern

From: Philip and Alice Priemer

Subject: Character of Mrs. Trudy (DiFrancesco) Castle

Dear Sirs , Madams,

We have known Trudy since she was a young girl. She and her family lived across the street from Alice and her first husband in Wilmington, IL since before Trudy was in elementary school. She and Alice's son, (now husband) Vic, were childhood friends growing up all through school before she left Wilmington for college, so their two families were always close. Trudy and Vic have been together as a couple for the last twenty-five years, and we have been close to her during that whole time.

We have always known Trudy to be a terrific, dedicated, and protective mother raising her two sons while continuously working as a single mom. She is honest, dependable, trustworthy, very considerate, and good-natured; the type of daughter-in-law for whom all parents hope. She has always been a hard worker and a great administrator/supervisor as evidenced by her many promotions managing world-class high-rise apartment building start-ups in downtown Chicago and other cities. Trudy is a responsible and respectful citizen who loves this country and the freedom and justice this country represents.

Sincerely,



Philip (and Alice) Priemer
101 Ryan St
Wilmington, IL 60481

Jayme Dvorak
174 E Fremont Ave
Elmhurst, IL 60126

September 2, 2022

To tcastle@magellanddevelopment.com
Cc
Bcc jaymedv@gmail.com
Subject Character reference for Trudy Castle

To whom this may concern,

I have known Trudy Castle personally and professionally for over 30 years. We worked together at a property management company in a Gold Coast Hi-Rise in Chicago. She impressed me then with her tenacity, moving from a small town in Illinois to the 'Big City' and embracing it all. She continues to work in property management/development to this day, which is an accomplishment in itself. This shows her resilience in a field where most people burn out and don't last. She has equipped herself with a wealth of knowledge and experience that any employer would consider an asset to their company. In addition the way she handles situations with her staff, tenants and vendors exhibits her reliability, responsibility, resourcefulness, accountability and professionalism. I would put her up against the best Property Managers in the City, and she would shine brightly.

We have grown together personally, through the early years of raising our families, owning our first homes, sharing our faith and always picking up where we left off, on any phone call. I would count on exchanging opinions and advice on any subject, with her inevitably injecting her great sense of humor into the conversation. She is someone I know would be there for me if the need arose, as she is loyal and supportive to her friends but especially regarding her family. She protects and gives of herself without hesitation. She's worked hard to make sure she provided a good foundation, as a single mom, morally and responsibly for her boys and a good home for them to grow and become the stand up human beings they are today. It certainly wasn't always easy but she's endured and has become even stronger for it.

Thank you for allowing me the time to tell you a little bit about my friend and praise her for who she is, what she's made of, and what she's accomplished.

Sincerely,
Jayme Dvorak

Sandra L. DiFrancesco

402 East Seminole Street

Dwight, Illinois 60420

(815) 584-9298

Email: dasco474@sbcglobal.net

June 19, 2022

Re: Character Reference for Court regarding Trudy Castle

Your Honor:

I, Sandra DiFrancesco, am writing this letter to you regarding the character of Trudy Castle. Trudy is the elder of my two daughters, so I believe that I am very familiar with her character. From the day she was born it was always my wish that she would be the first in our working class family to graduate from college and she did not disappoint me. Three and one half years after enrolling in St. Mary of the Woods College in Terre Haute, Indiana she graduated with a degree in Education. It was my pleasure to see her develop into a responsible adult. I watched her groom management skills that eventually channeled her interests into Property Management. Her people skills and clear, concise thinking took her to a new, successful career with a Property Management firm and managing a 300+ unit high rise building in the heart of Chicago. She is well liked in the industry and works very hard at building, and being part of, a great management team. She has been in property management from the time she graduated college and has been employed by the same firm for 15 years, a rarity in the world of Property Management. She is a strong Team Player and is well versed in formulating budgets and keeping all the mechanics of a large building in top, running form.

She also has integrity combined with a sense of fairness, right and wrong, and heart. She and I have identical feelings about keeping our spaces tidy and neat. I have walked with her when she inspects her building parking garage and outside areas and she always has an eye out for things out of place, or needing attention – countless times I have watched her pick up litter and dispose of it appropriately. She does the same if we are walking downtown to a restaurant or hiking on a trail and I admire that trait. She simply does not have the necessary evil in her heart to damage anyone's property. She has been a devoted mother and also a devoted daughter. She was the first to offer me help when I fractured my wrist in a bad accident several years ago and she sat with me many times while I was going through chemotherapy – even scooping me up and taking me home with her so I wouldn't be home alone.

C

Trudy is a person that has high moral standards and is an asset to our community and society. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Sandra L. DiFrancesco

October 10, 2022

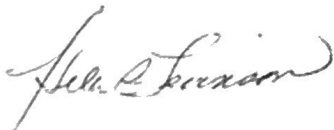
Your Honor,

I am Helen Levinson, a 51-year-old Skokie, IL resident, a software sales executive, and a previous Girl Scout Troop leader of 6 years. I am also the daughter of immigrant parents, who raised me in the Northside of the City of Chicago. I am writing on behalf of Mrs. Trudy Castle. I have been friends with Mrs. Castle for over ten years, and during that time, I have known her to be a hardworking single mother and an exemplary role model for her two boys. Our relationship began around 2007 through Ms. DiFrancesco, and we have been engaged in a great friendship with many years of trust and admiration. Mrs. Castle has been instrumental in offering our Girls Scout Troop 43196 the ability to sell Girl Scout cookies to the residents in her building. This activity helped our troop reach substantial sales goals, and the girls could use that money for several initiatives, including a donation to a local pet shelter.

For as long as I've known Mrs. Castle, she has always worked hard and is highly dedicated to her family and employer. Mrs. Castle experienced many hardships as a single mother and, like any single mother on a single income, she made significant sacrifices to raise her boys to be fine young, contributing men in society.

I know the actions of people at the Capitol on January 6th have negatively impacted many in our country, and there are activities that day that I disapproved of. However, Mrs. Castle's character, much like her sister Ms. DiFrancesco has been consistent since the day I met her. Mrs. Castle is a tenacious, honest, and caring individual. She, like her sister, was at the wrong place and time and they are both remorseful for their actions. I do not doubt that Mrs. Castle will learn from this event. Please consider the testimony in this letter before the court as part of your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Helen Levinson', written in dark ink.

Helen Levinson
Skokie, IL
773-507-4455