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**Letter from RJM to Justice Harry A. Blackmun re: Jeffrey A Van  
Detta**

Roger J. Miner

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

SECOND CIRCUIT

UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

ALBANY, NEW YORK 12201

CHAMBERS OF  
ROGER J. MINER  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

January 6, 1988

The Honorable Harry A. Blackmun  
Associate Justice  
The Supreme Court  
1 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Dear Justice Blackmun:

It is a great pleasure to recommend Mr. Jeffrey A. Van Detta for a clerkship in your chambers.

Mr. Van Detta's research and writing skills are of exceptional quality. His background as a classical scholar has provided him with a special dimension for his work as a law clerk. He has an outstanding law school record and served as editor-in-chief of his law review. Several of his law professors have told me that he was their finest student ever.

Should you choose to appoint him, I am certain that Jeffrey Van Detta will be a very valuable asset in your chambers. He is exceptionally thoughtful, diligent and thorough in his work, and his cheerful personality has made my daily association with him a most pleasurable experience. All the tasks I have assigned to him have been performed quickly, efficiently and perfectly. He is an extraordinary lawyer.

I am happy to afford Jeffrey A. Van Detta my highest recommendation for the position he seeks.

Yours very truly,



Roger J. Miner

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