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Re: letter of recommendation, Ofra Mehoudar (MSc)

As part of a recent project dedicated to military medical ethics, I engaged Ofra Mehoudar to provide research services and I am pleased to recommend her services to other researchers for similar work. As part of this project, I was not looking for someone merely to read and catalog articles in English, but to provide me with an overview of the critical issues of military medical ethics since 2000. The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have changed the landscape of military medical ethics significantly and I asked Ofra to review the literature to ferret out novel medical issues and moral dilemmas. I challenged her to find out something that I did not know about; something about the new and cutting edge issues in military medical ethics.

I am happy to say that she performed admirably and provided me with an excellent analysis of the literature that touched on a number of compelling topics: veteran care, advances in the treatment of limb and brain injuries, treatment of civilians in the war zone, medical diplomacy, mental health issues, treatment of POWs, special medical issues related to women and dilemmas of neutrality and impartiality on the battlefield. Ofra competently drew on medical, legal and philosophical sources including journals, government reports and law briefs. As she worked, I also asked her to summarize the issues and compile a short report on the state of the art in military medical ethics today. These were excellent and I was pleased to see that she discovered issues that were new to me. All the material she researched was in English as were her reports.

While my office is in Haifa, Ofra worked from her offices in Tel Aviv. We communicated by telephone, email, and she needed very little direction to pursue the project competently, concisely and professionally. I would have no hesitation about employing her on future projects and recommend Ofra Mehoudar for any research and information project in the medical and related scientific fields.

With best wishes,



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