[Your Name] [Your Address] [City, State, Zip Code] [Phone Number] [Email Address]

[Date]

To the Honorable Judge [Last Name] or To the Court:

I am writing this letter to serve as a character reference for [Defendant's Full Name], who is appearing before your court due to [briefly mention the reason for the court appearance, e.g., a DUI charge]. I have known [Defendant's Name] for [number of years] years in the capacity of [your relationship to the defendant, e.g., friend, neighbor, colleague].

In the time that I have known [Defendant's Name], I have found them to be a person of excellent character and integrity. [He/She/They] has always displayed a strong sense of responsibility and honesty in all aspects of [his/her/their] life. [Give specific examples and anecdotes that demonstrate the defendant's positive traits, such as reliability, kindness, honesty, or any other relevant characteristic. For example, mention instances where the defendant has shown responsibility, integrity, or positive contributions to the community.]

[If applicable, you may mention any relevant details related to the case, such as the defendant's general behavior regarding alcohol if it's a DUI case, or any rehabilitation efforts.]

[Discuss the defendant's impact on the community, family, and any charitable activities or organizations they are involved with, if applicable.]

Based on my knowledge and experience, I firmly believe that [Defendant's Name] is a good person who made a mistake, and I trust that [he/she/they] will take the necessary steps to ensure that this does not happen again. I respectfully request that the court consider [his/her/their] otherwise exemplary character when making your decision.

Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at [Phone Number] or [Email Address]. Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,

[Your Signature (if sending a hard copy)] [Your Typed Name]