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RE: Dr. H. Muhammad Syarifuddin, S.H., M.H.

I am delighted to provide this letter of reference.

I have known Dr H M Syarifuddin SH, MH, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Indonesia, since his appointment in 2011 as Head of the Supervisory Agency of that court.

At that time, I was a Senior Advisor to the Federal Court of Australia and the Family Court of Australia in relation to the implementation of their historic Memorandum of Understanding with the Supreme Court on Judicial Reform. In this role, I worked closely with judges and staff of the Supreme Court, including Dr Syarifuddin, on projects related to implementation of the court's Blueprint for Reform.


This cooperation continued and deepened after Dr Syarifuddin became a justice of the Supreme Court in 2013, and then Vice Chief Justice for Judicial Affairs in 2016. I was very pleased to learn of his election as Chief Justice in April this year.

Dr Syarifuddin is clearly a learned scholar of Indonesian law. In my experience, he is also a strong supporter of judicial reform projects. Certainly, he played a vital role in the Supreme Court's engagement with the Australian courts, exploring their experience of case management and efficiency reforms, particularly those focused on IT innovations and court-annexed mediation. He was active in cooperation with Australian judges and court staff and Indonesian civil society reform leaders in working to adapt reforms from foreign courts for the Indonesian context.

I understand Diponegoro University is considering appointing Dr Syarifuddin as a Professor of Law. I would certainly support that appointment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by email (t.lindsey@unimelb.edu.au) or at +61 414 945 396 if you wish to discuss this reference further.

Yours sincerely,



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