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Dear Elizabeth:

I graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2004. Being interested in the intersection between law and public policy, I applied for a position at the Attorney General's Office, where I was assigned to then-Solicitor General Swanson's Consumer Services Division.


While I was primarily involved with consumer education, I had the opportunity to work with Lori in many different areas of public interest advocacy including nonprofit regulation, consumer protection, and health care policy. Lori was quite involved in my work and gave me frequent direction. She has a very engaged and thoughtful approach to the analysis of public policy issues facing the state of Minnesota.

Through this process I also had the opportunity to observe Lori work on cases and meet with attorneys to discuss case development. I was quite impressed with the way she advised attorneys on their cases, and I had the opportunity to observe how litigation can give direction to public policy.

I continued to work with Lori after she became Attorney General, where she continued to utilize me for public policy research. My work with Lori in part inspired me to pursue a career in law. I am now in my third year at Harvard Law School.

I truly enjoyed the opportunity to work with Lori. She has a great sense of humor and a terrific work ethic. She leads by example and inspires young people to better themselves and to pursue careers in public service.

Truly yours,

  
Kevin Zhao