

Good afternoon.

My name is Imani Johnson. I am in the fifth grade at School 29. My teachers are Mrs. Ferris and Mrs. Ross. They were my fourth grade teachers, too. I am 10 years old; I just turned 10 on September 9, 2010. I would like to be a pediatrician because I love babies, or a veterinarian because I love animals, especially dogs.

I'm here to tell you about my lawyer, Miss Kristi. She is always there for me. She cheers me up when I am feeling down and she loves me like I love her. It is nice spending time with a person who really cares.

We do many things together. We sit outside the library at that little table and we play games. We talk about things. We take pictures of each other. She brings me candy and food from McDonalds. My math and reading scores went up because I had a folder with work in it and she would always help me when I had a little trouble in those subjects. One time I was in a play and I had to memorize my lines. I couldn't pronounce those big words – when I got nervous, she would squeeze my fingers and then I would get the word right. She also talks over my problems with me. Once I was so upset – I wanted to pull my hair out! Miss Kristi talked it over with me and I wasn't so upset because I had someone who is close to me.

A lawyer is important to kids at School 29. Lawyers can help them with their work. They can help them with their attitude and their behavior. They can talk over their future goals. All the students at School 29 want a lawyer but I know there aren't enough to go around. I hope that all of you new lawyers become very close to your students. Don't ever give up on them. If you stay close to them, you can make a big difference.

I love my lawyer, and I think Ms. Kristi loves me as much as I love her. I miss her and I can't wait until she comes back this year to see me and be my lawyer for the rest of my life.

Thank you.