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Dear Judy,

It seems hard to believe that in just more than a year you've become an SN veteran -- but that's the nature of the news biz I guess.

I'm glad to say that in that year you've shown steady improvement through a willingness to listen to ideas that even to me didn't always make sense. (And they were often my ideas). And then you did your best to execute and that's a quality that will put you in good stead no matter where or what you do. This letter is simply to express my appreciation for the hard work you put in.

On a nostalgic note, you were the first person I had the pleasure of hiring and for that reason I always had the feeling that you were a reflection of my own judgement and abilities. It was with great pride that I watched your progress as a reporter, writer -- and businesswoman. I'm not sure how much credit you're willing to give yourself (methinks not enough), but you should feel good about what you've accomplished so far because learning any of those three things is difficult enough, but having to learn all three at once is nothing short of monumental.

Now for some fatherly advice: Stay open to ideas, work to improve your writing and possibly above all else, strive to develop sources -- those are the people that separate the stars from the everyday reporters. Best of luck.

Sincerely,

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