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Letter to David R. Hayes

Roger J. Miner '56

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Mr. David R. Hayes
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Dear David:

I was happy to hear from you and especially happy to hear that David Jr. will have a sibling.

I saw your name on a number of briefs when you were in the Corporation Counsel's office and thought that you were getting some great experience there. It does seem that Buffalo is having its financial problems, and perhaps the better thing for you is to move on after your years in the City's law department.

Clerking for a U.S. Magistrate Judge should be a snap for you, and I certainly hope that you will enjoy the work. You will find it a little different from your work here.

My wife and Shirley join me in sending best regards to you and your entire family.

Sincerely,

The Judge

RJM/sjh

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Judge Roger J. Miner
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Dear Judge Miner:

Just to drop you a note on where my career is going of late. On September 22, I will start as one of U.S. Magistrate Judge Hugh Scott's permanent law clerks. Judge Scott reordered his chambers to create a second clerkship and (out of the blue) he offered it to me. I enjoyed clerking with you so much that when this opportunity arose, I leaped at it! While I have learned a great deal with the Corporation Counsel's office (including dealing with a reapportionment case from the last census), it is time to move on. You may have heard, Buffalo has a control board and fiscally things are getting dire with serious discussion of laying off firefighters and police. The Mayor had to present a four-year plan to the control board, which called for steady attrition through retirements; the control board wants immediate terminations. Since the board is new, they have no idea how things work (or do not work). It is going to be messy. Nevertheless, seven plus years with the City is probably a few more than I expected.

Willena and David, Jr., are fine. We are eagerly awaiting our second child in March 2004.

Please give my best to Jackie and Shirley.

Sincerely yours,


David R. Hayes

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