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Dear Mr. Shusterman:

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Again, our congratulations on being chosen by your fellow attorneys.

Sincerely,

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