

HOWARD

Again, thanks for taking the time.

KIM

You can just go ahead and rip off the Band-Aid. I have a pretty good idea why you're here.

HOWARD

[Sighs] So, you're going with Schweikart and Cokely.

KIM

I'm sorry?

HOWARD

I heard. Through the grapevine.

KIM

I'm not going to another firm. I'm starting my own. I figured I'd try giving it a go as a solo practitioner.

HOWARD

[Chuckles] Well. I, uh Wow.

KIM

I realized it was something I needed to do.

HOWARD

The week Jimmy exits Davis & Main, you decide to leave us? That can't just be happenstance.

KIM

It's not. We're gonna be sharing expenses. One office, but two separate practices.

HOWARD

Smart on several counts.

KIM

Howard I want you to know that I appreciate my time here.

I'm grateful for everything you and the firm have done for me, especially the financial help with my schooling, and I'm ready to write a check for the remainder of the loan. I just need accounting to get me that figure.

HOWARD

No need. Our gift to you.

KIM

I don't know what to say. Um thank you.

HOWARD

You earned it. Tell you the truth, I'm kinda envious.

KIM

Really? Why?

HOWARD

Something about a fresh start. Back in the day, right out of law school, I thought long and hard about hanging up my own shingle.

KIM

Oh, yeah?

HOWARD

Yeah. Oh, I was ready to take on the world, make a difference.

Dad talked me out of it. Wanted me to join the ranks here, throw another "H" in the firm's logo.

KIM

Things work out the way they're supposed to, I guess.

HOWARD

Kim, I want you to know that I always pushed you harder because I knew that I could expect more from you. Good luck to you.

KIM

Thank you.