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Dear Danielle

Re: Storme & Ferrara

I write on behalf of Mr Reece Storme, who is a family law client of mine. Reece requires assistance for a VOCAT matter, and your firm has been recommended to me several times.

I have worked with Reece since 2018. His family law matter was complex, involving competing allegations of family violence during the relationship, significant mental health issues on Reece's part, Reece's criminal record, and current and future concerns about the child being exposed to significant family violence by the Mother's new partner.

Reece worked extremely hard to overcome all the hurdles presented to him during his case. Reece has experienced mental health issues in the past, has been extremely proactive in addressing them, and successfully manages them to this day. I have never had a client who has been more committed to self-development, with the ultimate goal of being a role model for his son, as Reece. Reece is extremely upfront and honest. He is to be commended for always being so child focussed, rather than conflict focussed (a surprisingly rare trait in family law matters!).

Reece succeeded in obtaining shared care and an order for equal shared parental responsibility in relation to his son Lio. He now co-parents very successfully and compassionately with his ex-partner, who he continues to support through her own significant mental health issues.

Reece feels that, due to his history, he has often been misjudged. He feels that when people look at his past offending, they jump to conclusions about his *present* character, and have largely been unwilling to assist him or listen to his story without making assumptions.

Reece has previously been assisted by Hartley's Lawyers in relation to VOCAT, but they are no longer representing him. Reece has a hearing in November 2020 and would like some advice and assistance in relation to that hearing.

I would be grateful if you would accept this referral, and take the above as a character reference for Reece.

Yours faithfully, Aimee [REDACTED]

