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Dedicated
To
Our wonderful children
Ben, Mathew, Jon, & Victoria

And to our parents, thank you for teaching us how to love our children with all our heart and soul.

– Benny & Nikki Agosto
This is a story about a little girl named Victoria.

She is 9 years old and is in the 4th grade.

Victoria likes school and likes all her teachers.
She has lots of friends and loves to play soccer. She also loves to watch the USA soccer team play on T.V.
Victoria loves her parents. Her dad is a mechanic and her mom works at a bank. They work really hard so their children have everything they need.
Victoria has three older brothers who love her very much. They are her #1 fans.
When Victoria gets ready to go to sleep, she always says "goodnight" to all her brothers and kisses her mom and dad.
Even her little dog, Hannah, gets a kiss before Victoria goes to bed.
In school, Victoria studies hard and loves to learn.
Injustice?

One day her 4th grade teacher was reading a history book that talked about times when people in our nation fought against injustice.

"Injustice? What is injustice," Victoria wondered.
Victoria learned that a long time ago some boys and girls went to different schools, because of the color of their skin.
Some kids even had to drink water from different water fountains.

The teacher explained how one day all that was changed because of a very important case that went to court.
That night, Victoria asked her mom about the injustice she had learned about in school. Victoria's mom explained how a man named Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. went around the country giving speeches that encouraged people to peacefully fight injustice.
Victoria's mom explained, "To fight injustice you have to have courage."
The next day at school, Victoria asked her teacher how a person could go to court to fight an injustice.

"You need to become a lawyer," her teacher said. "How do you do that?" wondered Victoria.
The next week, Victoria’s school just happened to be celebrating Law Day, a time in May each year when lawyers across the country visit schools to talk to students about the importance of laws in our nation.
"Did you know that President Barack Obama is a lawyer?" the guest speaker at Victoria's school asked the students.

Victoria, being curious, asked "How do you become a lawyer anyway?"
The Law Day speaker explained that to become a lawyer, you have to go to college and then to law school. "It takes three years in law school," he said, "All you need is courage, hard work and good study habits, and you too can become a lawyer."
The speaker explained that lawyers have some very important jobs. "Do you know what kinds of things lawyers do?" the speaker asked the children. Victoria learned that lawyers help people solve problems and fight injustice when something bad or illegal happens to them.
She also learned that lawyers can be teachers, work in congress, represent people in court, become judges, and "Lawyers can even become the President of the United States."
"wow," said Victoria

"Lawyers can do so many things," she thought

"Maybe some day," the speaker said, "One of you can grow up and be a lawyer too."

"And even fight injustice?" asked Victoria.

"Yes, you may even be able to help people fight injustice."

Do you know what Victoria chose to dress up as at the school's next career day?

Yes, Victoria came to school dressed as a lawyer.
always follow your DREAMS!

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