**Journal 4**

**Chapter 16: Graduate School and Beyond**

1. Have you considered graduate school? If you are in graduate school, what made you first consider it? What would motivate one to go to graduate school?
2. At what point do we know that it is time to move on to a new challenge?
3. Is it okay to date a former supervisor? Why or why not? Would you ever date someone who currently supervised you? Why or why not?
4. What was your initial impression of Gina and Rudy? How do you think it would be to work with them?
5. What are your feelings about Mava Melanson? How might that influence your working with her?
6. How would you feel about working with Irene Harper or Dawn Whitedeer? Which of all these cases might be the most challenging for you? Why?

**Chapter 17: A Different World**

1. How would you feel, knowing that you had the power to take children from their parents? How would these feelings temper your actions?
2. What strengths do you see in Gina? What are her problems?
3. What was your impression of Dawn Whitedeer? How might you have handled the visit?
4. How would you have felt when watched by the man in the car outside the Melanson apartment? How might you have handled the situation?
5. How would you have felt after talking to Rosemary about the Ambertino case? How might you have handled the interview?
6. How would you have handled Henry?

**Chapter 18: Fickle Lady Justice**

1. What are your impressions of juvenile court after reading this chapter?
2. What motivates an attorney to fight for the return of the child to Mava Melanson?
3. How might we reflect on the rights of children versus the rights of their parents?
4. How did you feel about Mike’s problem? How would you have handled it had you been a worker in his unit?
5. What was tour impression of Terri? What seems to motivate her?
6. How would you have handled the situation with Terri and her mother? Would you have left the house? How would you have felt after the incident?
7. What would have been the best plan for everyone?

**Chapter 19: A Mother’s Legacy**

1. How do you think the case of Irene Harper should have been resolved? Should the mother have been given another chance?
2. How would you have felt answering Cloe Cummings’ call? What might you have said to her? How would you have handled the case?
3. Would you have left Howie at the Cummings’ overnight?
4. What might the Cummings have been feeling? What might Howie have been feeling? What about his brothers?

**Chapter 20: A Transfer to the Front Lines**

1. How do you feel about the resolution of the Whitedeer case? How much must we take into consideration the cultural practices of others? Should those with different cultural practices be required to meet the criteria set for others?
2. How do you feel about the outcome of Betty Jane’s case?
3. What might be your feelings about transferring into the Intake Unit?
4. What would have been your feelings about the Schwartz case?
5. Would you have handled the Schwartz case differently?

**Chapter 21: Childhoods in Hell**

1. What were your initial reactions to Valerie Anderson’s story? How might you have handled it?
2. How would you have reacted when Gina told you that she was pregnant? What thoughts might have gone through your mind?
3. How would you have felt about Michelle moving in with the family?
4. How would you have felt when Sam called? How would you have handled the situation?
5. Other than those he expressed, what feelings might Sam have had in the face of his mother’s death? How might you have helped him?
6. What was your initial impression of Morris Farley? How might you have handled the case?
7. How would you have felt after the interview with Mr. Farley?

**Chapter 22: Happy Endings**

1. When is it acceptable to maintain contact with a client after a case is closed? When would it be unwise?
2. How would you have responded to Gina’s question about having a tubal ligation? What might you have said?
3. How do you personally deal with endings? How might this affect your clients?
4. What do you think about the Howard’ decision not to adopt Lissy? What might have been the pros and cons of such an adoption?
5. Why do you think Terri and Howie turned out so differently?
6. How might you help foster parents understand abusive parents?

**Chapter 23: Seasons of Change**

1. How would you feel if a former client asked you to be a witness at his or her wedding? What thoughts might run through your mind?
2. How might you have felt at a wedding like Gina’s and Rudy’s? How did it compare with the weddings of your family or friends?
3. As you look back on the career depicted here, what would have made the most impression on you? Why?
4. What case would have been the most difficult for you? Why?
5. Have you formulated any plans for your own career after reading this account?