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Dear Editor:

I had the pleasure of supervising Nicole Raz during her 2011 internship with the New Mexico Business Weekly.

From the beginning of our interaction with her, it was clear that Nikki is a journalist with initiative. We first crossed paths with her when one of our reporters spoke to her class. Nikki approached the reporter afterward and asked to shadow her on an assignment. The reporter was so impressed she referred Nikki for an internship.

Nikki helped us in many ways, but the place where her efforts shone most was in filing daily stories for our website. She is fast, accurate, a skilled writer and a thorough interviewer. We also had occasion to tap into her excellent proofreading skills.

She rose to the occasion on every assignment we gave her, from making copies to writing a profile of a patent lawyer to producing copy for a complex economic analysis section. She is a bright, engaging young woman who is eager to learn. Her presence was a great asset to our newsroom.

If I can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rachel Sams