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 Student’s Name
January 5, 2021

Dear Parent:

Your son or daughter is in the Street Law class this semester and will have an opportunity to watch the movie *My Cousin Vinnie* for extra credit. This movie depicts a fictitious lawyer who, through a comedy of errors, learns the proper way to conduct a courtroom defense. I believe this movie gives a comical and fairly accurate portrayal of a trial and ties together much of the material the students have learned in class so far this quarter.

With the movement to a four-day week, the COVID-19 disruptions, and the change for semester exams this quarter we did not get to our usual mock trial of fairy tale characters. Although this assignment will not replace the experience of that mock trial, I think it will still put into perspective the rules of evidence your student would have experience had this semester not been so unusual. Moreover, if they take Street Law II next semester, they should be able to experience the mock trial and try their hand at being a lawyer or witness. Unfortunately, because of some obscene language, this movie is rated R.

With your permission your son or daughter can watch *My Cousin Vinnie* for extra credit. At the bottom of this paper please check yes or no, and sign.

Thank You,

Brad Faulhaber

Social Science Instructor

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, my student may watch the movie; *My Cousin Vinnie*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No, my student may not watch the film

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Parent/Guardian Signature

**To be completed on the back of this form for full Extra Credit:**A) Notes and Video Summary
B) Based on the information from the video, list **AND** discuss 3 rules of evidence/ trial procedure concepts learned? Be specific.
C) What would you tell your friends from the street law class what the **movie** was about and how it related to class
D) Rate the movie 1-10 in terms of educational value. Justify your ranking. Should this video be shown again for future classes?
E) Attach your mock trial work (Highlighted or Underlined Case Summary, Charges, etc.)