

PERSONAL & PRACTICE:

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PERSONAL:

WHAT IS YOUR IDEA OF PERFECT HAPPINESS?

- ▶ A day of perfect happiness for me involves a couch, a cup of hot tea and a warm blanket while my husband, son and I watch a good movie.

WHICH LIVING PERSON DO YOU MOST ADMIRE?

- ▶ My mother. She's one of those women who understands how to overcome obstacles in life while keeping a positive attitude. She is truly driven by hope and optimism.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST EXTRAVAGANCE?

- ▶ International travel.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE JOURNEY?

- ▶ I like journeys where you end up at an unexpected destination only to find something beautiful and astounding you didn't even know you were looking for.

WHO OR WHAT IS THE GREATEST LOVE OF YOUR LIFE?

- ▶ My husband and my son.

WHICH TALENT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE?

- ▶ Playing the piano.

IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT YOURSELF, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

- ▶ I would change my lack of willpower when it comes to bread-consumption.

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?

- ▶ Finishing my first novel.

WHAT DO YOU MOST VALUE IN YOUR FRIENDS?

- ▶ Laughter and honesty.

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE HERO OR HEROINE OF FICTION?

- ▶ Elizabeth Bennett.

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU MOST DISLIKE?

- ▶ Closed-mindedness.

PRACTICE:

WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO PRACTICE LAW?

- ▶ I grew up around law, it was a family business.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST CLIENT ACHIEVEMENT?

- ▶ I've had a lot of success bringing great value to our clients through effective legal process management on very large transactions.

IN WHAT AREA WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE OR IMPROVE?

- ▶ Going along with the answer above, I want to continue learning and improving my skill level with legal processes management and workflow mapping.

WHICH OF YOUR COLLEAGUES DO YOU MOST ADMIRE?

- ▶ The entire offices services team: they make sure all of our lives are running smoothly under the surface every day.

WHAT DO YOU MOST ENJOY ABOUT WORKING AT FAEGRE BAKER DANIELS?

- ▶ My colleagues. I like being able to have good personal and professional conversations with my coworkers. I like having access to great legal expertise. FaegreBD really is a very jovial, upbeat and collaborative place to work.

WHAT DO YOU WISH YOU COULD CHANGE ABOUT THE LEGAL INDUSTRY?

- ▶ The billable hour—it's due to be re-addressed as it greatly affects both our client and our employee satisfaction.

WHAT DO YOU FIND MOST CHALLENGING ABOUT YOUR AREA OF FOCUS?

- ▶ The breadth of legal knowledge required. I have a practice that spans all 50 states, and it can be challenging keeping up with all of those individual states' requirements.

WHAT DO YOU FIND MOST REWARDING ABOUT YOUR AREA OF FOCUS?

- ▶ Real estate is unique in that your work product has a physical form. I love looking out the window and seeing projects that I've played a role in, particularly when the projects are housing related. There is something wonderfully rewarding about knowing you've helped provide a safe, warm environment for a family to live.

HOW HAS YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON LAW CHANGED OVER THE YEARS?

- ▶ Greatly! I thought I was done learning when law school ended—turns out, I was wrong! The law is endless. You never know enough, and you never stop learning.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST LESSON YOU'VE LEARNED?

- ▶ Trust your instincts. This job requires you to have some intuition on how a deal is going to shake out. I find that if it walks like a duck and talks like a duck—it's probably a duck.

IF YOU COULD CHANGE YOUR AREA OF FOCUS, WHAT WOULD YOU SWITCH TO AND WHY?

- ▶ I might be a lobbyist with our consulting group for a day. I'd find it interesting to see how Washington, D.C. functions behind the scenes.

WHAT IS THE NEXT BIG PROJECT YOU'D LIKE TO TACKLE?

- ▶ I'd like to complete the training program to become a Lean Six Sigma black belt.