

PERSONAL & PRACTICE:

# Faegre Baker Daniels Attorney Profiles

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### WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?

- ▶ Right after law school, I clerked for the most wonderful judge on the 11th circuit. Recently, he told me I was the only clerk who has ever changed his mind about the outcome of a case in his more than 30 years on the bench.

### WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE HERO OR HEROINE OF FICTION?

- ▶ McMurphy from *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. That book does a beautiful job of illustrating how there is value in fighting against something that is wrong even if you lose in the end.

### WHAT DO YOU MOST VALUE IN YOUR FRIENDS?

- ▶ A sense of humor.

### WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST CLIENT ACHIEVEMENT?

- ▶ Winning summary judgment and winning at trial are all fun and really fulfilling, but some of my greatest achievements have been keeping clients out of litigation all together. It is rewarding to take a problem off of the client's shoulders and work together to achieve a solution that is both successful and economical for the client.

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

- ▶ Definitely the people. We have top-notch professionals who still have a very down-to-earth approach to life.

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

- ▶ As a litigator, it's challenging when a lawyer on the other side is more interested in "slash and burn" than having a productive conversation. I love going toe-to-toe on the facts and the law, but unnecessary fighting about ancillary issues is unproductive for both sides.

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

- ▶ I litigate complicated financial transactions, typically involving a default or breach of the transaction documents. The cases involve issues related to insolvency, fiduciary duties and fraud. Frequently, there are multiple parties with competing interests. I find it incredibly rewarding to team up with clients to problem-solve and help them navigate effectively through these difficult and complex situations.

### WHAT IS THE BIGGEST LESSON YOU'VE LEARNED?

- ▶ The importance of listening – really listening to clients about their businesses and their pressures.