

PERSONAL & PRACTICE:

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PERSONAL:

WHAT IS YOUR IDEA OF PERFECT HAPPINESS?

- ▶ Sitting on the porch of my beach house in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, with friends and family drinking a glass of Malbec.

WHICH LIVING PERSON DO YOU MOST ADMIRE?

- ▶ My former boss, Sen. Lugar, is one of the most remarkable men I know. He is a national treasure.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST EXTRAVAGANCE?

- ▶ I have two “weekend properties” — a cabin in West Virginia and a beach house in Delaware.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE JOURNEY?

- ▶ I spent a semester in Florence, Italy, my junior year of college that had a great impact on me. It was truly an eye opening experience at 19 or 20 years old that really broadened my horizons.

WHICH TALENT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE?

- ▶ Any artistic ability; especially in music. I enjoy music, but have no talent in it.

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?

- ▶ Being invited to work in the Reagan White House as a member of the Senate Legislative Affairs team for 3 years. It is an important part of my background.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST TREASURED POSSESSION?

- ▶ I’m not particularly enamored with possessions, but if I had to pick one it would be the ring my Dad gave me a few years before he died.

WHAT DO YOU MOST VALUE IN FRIENDS?

- ▶ I simply value their true friendship. If we are lucky, we have a few really close friends during our lifetime.

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE HERO OR HEROINE OF FICTION?

- ▶ I don’t read much fiction. My favorite nonfiction hero is Abraham Lincoln.

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU MOST DISLIKE?

- ▶ I dislike when people respond to a “thank you” by saying “no problem.”

PRACTICE:

WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO PRACTICE LAW?

- ▶ When I was young, my hero was Perry Mason. I loved the image of him and after watching the show I wanted to go to law school.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST CAREER ACHIEVEMENT?

- ▶ My proudest moment, after working on it for 10 years, was enacting and then the regulatory implementation of the bank private equity provisions in the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act.

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

- ▶ This is more on a personal level, but I would love to learn how to cook really well.

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

- ▶ The people. I was raised in the Midwest. We have a very Midwestern culture – and it's a friendly place.

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

- ▶ This is a subject I speak with the deans of my law school about: making legal education more relevant to the reality of practicing law.

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

- ▶ For many years my focus has been in the financial industry working on policy issues which is very broadly based. The information that comes at you daily is like drinking from a water hose. Keeping up is challenging, but it's also interesting. Achieving good results for my clients is most rewarding.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST LESSON YOU'VE LEARNED?

- ▶ Show up, pay attention and don't talk too much.

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

- ▶ If I were to start over I would be involved in IP issues; I find them fascinating.

WHICH OF YOUR COLLEAGUES DO YOU ADMIRE MOST?

- ▶ I am fortunate to work with a lot of very high quality people who I truly enjoy being around.