

PERSONAL & PRACTICE:

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PERSONAL:

WHAT IS YOUR IDEA OF PERFECT HAPPINESS?

- ▶ My husband and I are very fortunate to have recently bought our dream home, so just sitting out on the deck reading a good book is perfection.

WHICH LIVING PERSON DO YOU MOST ADMIRE?

- ▶ Barack Obama.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST EXTRAVAGANCE?

- ▶ My dog. He rules the house and gets anything he wants. The living room floor is carpeted with dog toys.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE JOURNEY?

- ▶ My husband is Greek and came to the U.S. when he was six. He had never been back until a recent trip we took there. It was absolutely beautiful and my husband got to see his family – some of them for the first time ever.

WHO OR WHAT IS THE GREATEST LOVE OR YOUR LIFE?

- ▶ My husband. And my dog is a close second.

WHICH TALENT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE?

- ▶ I would love to be able to draw and have people actually recognize what it was supposed to be.

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

- ▶ I would be taller.

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?

- ▶ Being happily married after almost 20 years.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST TREASURED POSSESSION?

- ▶ Come on – my dog of course.

WHAT DO YOU MOST VALUE IN YOUR FRIENDS?

- ▶ Honesty.

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE HERO OR HEROINE OF FICTION?

- ▶ Eve Dallas. She's the lead detective in a series of books set slightly in the future by J.D. Robb. She is amazing.

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU MOST DISLIKE?

- ▶ Lying.

PRACTICE:

WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO PRACTICE LAW?

- ▶ When I was little I really liked knowing the rules and figuring out how to get around them. So being a lawyer made perfect sense.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST CLIENT ACHIEVEMENT?

- ▶ I represented an older client who was the sole beneficiary of her father's estate. The estate consisted of hundreds of acres of farm land. A local bank, in its role as guardian of the father's estate, had converted the farmland from family farm to cash rent resulting in a significant tax burden to our client. We sued the bank for breach of fiduciary duty and obtained a judgment for our client in excess of \$1 million. We not only achieved a great result for our client, but made new law in the State of Indiana.

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

- ▶ Accounting. I never really liked or thought I needed accounting, but the reality is you need math when you work with damage issues.

WHICH OF YOUR COLLEAGUES DO YOU MOST ADMIRE?

- ▶ There is a small (but growing) group of lawyers in Fort Wayne who have done an enormous amount to promote the firm and keep it at the top of its game in Northern Indiana. They deserve a lot of credit for our client base here.

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

- ▶ I like the variety of work that I do and the autonomy I have in doing it.

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

- ▶ Our billing structure.

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

- ▶ A lack of predictability from court to court and judge to judge.

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

- ▶ There is a winner and a loser and more often than not, we are lucky enough to be the winners. I like that there is a decision and an end. I find that rewarding.

HOW HAS YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON LAW CHANGED OVER THE YEARS?

- ▶ I don't know that it has. I realize it's more of a business than I understood when I was in law school, but that's not a bad thing.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST LESSON YOU'VE LEARNED?

- ▶ Preparation is the most important thing.

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

- ▶ I would still litigate because it's what I really enjoy doing, but I would try out employment law. It has lots of exceptions and the law changes with relative speed so you always have to keep up – that would be challenging and exciting.

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

- ▶ Going back to the 7th circuit; I've been there once and would like to go back.