

PERSONAL & PRACTICE:

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PERSONAL:

WHAT IS YOUR IDEA OF PERFECT HAPPINESS?

- ▶ On the weekends, my daughter and I have what we call “Mommy and Maggie days” where she gets to choose what we will do together. We usually follow it with a family dinner on Sunday. Those are great days!

WHICH LIVING PERSON DO YOU MOST ADMIRE?

- ▶ My mom. She has been such a strong influence and a wonderful example my entire life. She was one of three women in her law school class in 1955 and raised, with my dad, 10 children. She taught all of us, especially her seven daughters, the importance of getting a good education and being able to support our families. I’ve always been so impressed by the amount of grace and strength she exhibits in everything she does, especially dealing with the loss of my father after 59 years of marriage.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST EXTRAVAGANCE?

- ▶ Starbucks, but I think it’s more of an addiction.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE JOURNEY?

- ▶ I love spending time at the ocean or on Lake Michigan. I enjoy just sitting and looking out over the water; the combination of beauty, peace and strength is so calming.

WHO OR WHAT IS THE GREATEST LOVE OF YOUR LIFE?

- ▶ My daughter.

WHICH TALENT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE?

- ▶ I would love to be able to play the piano.

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

- ▶ More patience.

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?

- ▶ I like to think I haven’t had it yet.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST TREASURED POSSESSION?

- ▶ My family pictures, especially ones of my parents with my daughter.

WHAT DO YOU MOST VALUE IN FRIENDS?

- ▶ Honesty, integrity and a sense of humor.

WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE HERO OR HEROINE OF FICTION?

- ▶ I don’t know if I have a favorite, but I do love strong, determined leading women with personality like an Elizabeth Bennet or Scarlett O’Hara.

WHAT IS IT THAT YOU MOST DISLIKE?

- ▶ Pretension and self-absorption.

PRACTICE:

WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO PRACTICE LAW?

- ▶ It was kind of a natural fit. My dad was a law professor at Notre Dame for over 45 years and while he didn't push any of us towards a legal career, he always encouraged us to think through problems logically and without emotion. These are traits that have served me well in my practice.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST CAREER ACHIEVEMENT?

- ▶ As a former federal prosecutor, I recognize no one likes to be on the other end of a federal or state inquiry. Being able to help my clients navigate that process and get a good result is definitely a rewarding experience.

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

- ▶ With all the advances in technology, and in related privacy and security issues, there is always room to learn more and explore new challenging questions—legally, politically and practically. I never get bored and that's great!

WHICH OF YOUR COLLEAGUES DO YOU ADMIRE MOST?

- ▶ While there is certainly no shortage of people I admire here, I have to say I owe special gratitude to my legal administrative assistant. She is wonderful and does everything with patience, kindness and a sense of humor.

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

- ▶ After 20 years of working in the government, I was nervous about moving to a law firm, but I'm happy to say, I have not been disappointed. It has been an easy transition because of the people I get to work with and the matters I get to work on. I've found that the people here have a genuine willingness to engage on issues and they show significant concern for their clients.

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

- ▶ It can be challenging getting companies to focus on data privacy and security issues before there is an issue. Being proactive can really pay off in the long run, including by reducing potential liability or the threat of regulatory action.

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

- ▶ Data privacy and security has relevance to people on a personal and professional level, of all ages, and within all sectors of the community. Even my 83-year old mother uses an iPad and is concerned about privacy.

HOW HAS YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON LAW CHANGED OVER THE YEARS?

- ▶ I don't know that it has.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST LESSON YOU'VE LEARNED?

- ▶ Always protect your relationships and your reputation.

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

- ▶ It's not really a change because I am part of the white collar and defense practice, but I like having the opportunity to work on criminal or investigative issues. They are always interesting and important to the client and I like to hope that my background can be helpful.

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

- ▶ I'm always up for a new challenge. We're working with very timely data security and privacy issues in health care and developing more of a focus on the legal and regulatory aspects of the use of drones. At the same time, we continue to provide guidance on the wide variety of data security and privacy issues that are most relevant to our clients.