

PERSONAL & PRACTICE:

# Faegre Baker Daniels Attorney Profiles

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### PERSONAL:

#### WHAT IS YOUR IDEA OF PERFECT HAPPINESS?

- ▶ A beautiful sunny day on campus at Michigan State with my family and close friends.

#### WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST EXTRAVAGANCE?

- ▶ Anything (and everything) related to Michigan State sports. To my husband's great dismay, there is no limit on my budget for tickets, travel, hosting tailgates or buying our daughters the cutest new gear!

#### WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE JOURNEY?

- ▶ Anything that takes me near a large body of water. I grew up on Lake Huron, and I love that feeling of calm and happiness that being near water provides.

#### WHO OR WHAT IS THE GREATEST LOVE OF YOUR LIFE?

- ▶ My husband and my daughters.

#### WHICH TALENT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO HAVE?

- ▶ Maybe the ability to convince young children to sleep through the night.

#### WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?

- ▶ It's a work in progress, but I hope I'm raising my daughters (two and four years old) to be kind, thoughtful, strong and confident.

#### WHAT IS YOUR MOST TREASURED POSSESSION?

- ▶ My family - immediate and extended.

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

- ▶ Understanding and reliability. We're all scattered across the country (and the globe in some cases), so the ability to go days or weeks without talking and no one being offended while always knowing they are only a text or call away and will immediately jump right back in is invaluable. Oh, and a shared love of Veronica Mars and Gilmore Girls!

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

- ▶ Does Sparty count?

#### WHAT IS IT THAT YOU MOST DISLIKE?

- ▶ That there are only 24 hours in a day.

## PRACTICE:

### WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO PRACTICE LAW?

- ▶ I like the idea of being a creative problem solver within a business; to have a bunch of puzzle pieces to put together and make everything fit in the most advantageous way.

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

- ▶ One of my favorite parts of being a corporate lawyer is that you're never sure what the request on the other end of the phone will be. We're constantly taking on new or unique projects, so every day is an opportunity to learn and improve.

### WHICH OF YOUR COLLEAGUES DO YOU MOST ADMIRE?

- ▶ I really admire those who invest significant time and energy into mentoring others. Private practice is demanding, and I am always in awe of (and grateful for!) those who remain so focused on training and supporting the next generation of skilled attorneys and firm leaders.

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

- ▶ We really mean it when we say we put clients first. At our core, we are focused on providing great service to all our clients on every level – internal and external. It's critical to who we are.

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

- ▶ The speed at which we now practice.

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

- ▶ There is no guide book to becoming a corporate lawyer. Law school really prepares you for researching case law and drafting litigation documents. Transactional law is more on-the-job training and instinctual.

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

- ▶ That as a corporate lawyer, we become trusted business and legal advisors to our clients. We invest significant time into understanding their business, the industries in which they operate, their risk tolerances, etc., so that we can provide tailored, well-rounded and practical advice.

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

- ▶ No one is an expert in everything. It is to our client's benefit for us to work together and pull in our talented colleagues to assist whenever possible. We are a full service law firm with deep resources and we provide the best value to our clients when we take a team approach to service.

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

- ▶ I don't think I would. I love what I do!

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

- ▶ I am looking forward to a new pro bono opportunity for a family seeking asylum from Central America.