

ACC-Wisconsin | February 2022

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

CELEBRATING WISCONSIN'S NOTABLE IN-HOUSE ATTORNEYS



**Name:** Michelle Dama

**Company and Title:** EatStreet, Inc. - Chief Legal Officer

**Years of Service:** 20 years of legal experience

**College/University and Law School:** University of Wisconsin - Madison, University of Wisconsin Law School (Badger fan for life. Go Bucky!)

**How long have you been a member of the ACC of Wisconsin? Why did you join the ACC-WI?** I joined ACC-WI when I transitioned to in-house counsel in 2020. ACC-WI has allowed me to connect and collaborate with peers who tackle similar challenges on a daily basis. It is the perfect first stop for any legal need from templates, webinars, live conferences, or a readily available network of trusted peers.

**What do you love most about the legal profession?**

As the sole attorney for a company with over 3,000 employees, there are a wide breadth of issues that I deal with on a daily basis. I thoroughly enjoy anticipating and solving problems in a way that addresses legal and business concerns. To say that things move quickly in my industry would be an understatement, and I enjoy the challenge of predicting the next corporate priority while staying nimble enough to pivot quickly in an ever-changing landscape. There is never a boring day!

**Do you participate in any pro bono service or volunteering?**

Yes, in the past I have volunteered my time and experience as a board member for the March of Dimes and on pro bono litigation matters for the Western District of Wisconsin. Financially I also support several charities including the United Way of Dane County.

**How do you define success?**

In our line of work, I believe that success comes when people seek and value your judgment. More generally in life, I believe that success comes from doing your best in all aspects of everything you do.

**Who inspires you?**

I find inspiration in a variety of people. I am always inspired by people who face challenges, personally or professionally, with perseverance and integrity. I am also inspired by people who are able to find joy in the little things. My children and the last two years have taught me to never take the little things for granted.

**What's one thing - industry-related or not - you learned in the last month?**

All of 2021 taught me patience. To be patient waiting for some amount of "normalcy" and patience for others or service providers who are also facing their own challenges.

**What's the last book you read?**

Not sure if this counts, but I recently received a new cookbook and have been enjoying preparing new dishes for my family. I love being in the kitchen with my children and find that baking sweets together is the best way to entice them to join me.

**Any Favorite Pod Cast or Series you can recommend?**

I was late to join the trend but am now a complete streaming fan. The concept of on-demand fits right into my busy schedule. Right now I have been addicted to the series Yellowstone and The Crown. I should be better about listening to pod casts because I spend a decent amount of time traveling, but I don't presently have any I can recommend.

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