

Member Spotlight

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Current position since: August 2014 (but at company since 2004)

Years in-house: 10

Law School: Loyola University Chicago School of Law

Undergrad: University of Wisconsin – Green Bay

Best thing about my current job:

Joining the Leadership Team that shapes the strategic direction of the North American business.

The most challenging aspect of my job:

Managing my calendar.

My proudest accomplishment at my job:

Transforming from a legal advisor into a business advisor.

My most pivotal career move:

An international assignment for Wrigley in Moscow, Russia.

My worst (non-law) job:

Being a waitress.

The hardest lesson I have learned as a lawyer:

Technical skills are just a foundation. It is your interpersonal skills that take you further.

The most valuable life lesson that I still apply today:

Take charge of your career by being intentional and vocal about your career aspirations.

Advice I would give to new lawyers:

It is OK to say "I don't know."

The best thing about my ACC membership:

The network of peers and friends.

My favorite vacation spot:

Turks and Caicos in February or March to break up the Chicago winters.

My all time favorite movie is:

"The House of Sand and Fog."

What's currently on your music playlist:

"On top of the world" by Imagine Dragons.

If I were not practicing law, I would be:

a diplomat

When I'm not working, I like to:

spend time with my family.