

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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Company and Years of Service

Nelnet
Legal Counsel
1.5 years

College/University and Law School

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of Wisconsin Law School

How Do You Define Success?

Maya Angelou defined it in a quote that says, "success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it."

I think that success is a constant journey to being content with what you are doing, even when you do not get the outcome that you wanted.

Who Inspires You?

My parents inspire me. Despite the adversity they endured, they are still hopeful about the future.

They have shown me what perseverance looks like and the need to believe in yourself. In challenging situations, I try to relate to how they had to overcome barriers to give me and my siblings the opportunities that we have today.

What's the last book you read?

"Flowers on the Moon" by Billy Chapata.
It is a collection of poetry and prose.

How Long Have You Been a Member with ACC-WI? Why Did You Join?

I have been a member for a year and a half. My company had me join ACC-WI as soon as I started working there. I am glad that I was introduced to this organization and that I have the opportunity to connect with other in-house counsel.

What Do You Love Most About the Legal Profession?

I love the variety of work. You are always learning something new, from legal topics to different aspects of a business.

What's One Thing—Industry-Related or Not—That You Have Learned in the Last Month?

The unicorn is the national animal of Scotland.

Do You Participate in Any Pro Bono Service or Volunteering?

I volunteered at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dane County "Back to School Supply Drive and Distribution." A group of my colleagues signed up together to participate. I hope to be more involved in different areas as being of service to the communities that we live in is encouraged at my company.

Any Favorite Podcast or Series you can recommend?

"Tiny Desk Concerts" from NPR Music is a wonderful way to listen to various artists.