

LEAVE NO STONES UNTURNED

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➔ **When someone asks you what you do, what do you tell them?**

If I say I am an “IP lawyer,” the response is usually “What?” So I usually say I am a business lawyer who handles a wide range of business issues, including intellectual property matters.

➔ **Without disclosing confidential information, can you tell us about the biggest project on your plate right now?**

My biggest “project” is finding the right balance between work and home life. As a mom of three kids, it’s an ongoing, never-ending project. I love what I do and it is easy to be consumed by work. Stepping back, taking time to be “off the clock” and enjoying my kids before they are grown up is something I am always working on.

➔ **What are some of the major trends in your primary practice area(s) that might interest legal professionals in other practice areas?**

Intellectual property is an area of practice that is always evolving due to technology changes (the Metaverse for example). Intellectual property and business law are always intertwined, and it is critical that business owners understand the value of their intellectual property and that they protect it.

➔ **What do you love about your role with the MSBA?**

I just concluded my term as Chair of the Intellectual Property Section of the MSBA.

Trying to create content and hold events during this pandemic has been challenging to say the least. As Chair of the Intellectual Property Section, I had the opportunity to get to know many members simply by planning events and content. I hope the events that we hosted this year (both virtual, and as of late, in person), and content that we provided have brought value to the members of the section.



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➔ **What value do you see in MSBA membership and your section membership?**

I have found value in both utilizing content available to enhance my knowledge in a particular area of the law as well as attending networking events to meet peers and grow my practice. My section membership has allowed me to meet colleagues who share an interest in IP law. If I have a question about a nuance in this area (and there are plenty of nuances), I have a list of people I can call.

➔ **What is the best piece of advice you have received from someone in the legal profession?**

It’s better to be over-prepared than under-prepared. Take the time to intensely analyze the issue, dig deep, don’t leave any stones unturned, and make the most persuasive and educated argument you can for your client.

➔ **What is your fondest memory of your legal career so far?**

One of my best “wins” so far was crafting a unique legal argument in a trademark case (that intersected with FDA regulations) which formed the basis of a summary judgment motion. After providing a copy of the motion to opposing counsel prior to filing, the parties resolved the case.

➔ **What is the one piece of advice you would give someone in law school or considering a legal career?**

I would suggest that they determine where they want to be in five and 10 years and how law school will help get them there. Law school requires a significant amount of effort, time and money and while a legal career can certainly be rewarding (and also difficult), it’s not a decision that should be made hastily.

➔ **What do you do to unwind/de-stress?**

I spend time with my husband and kids—occasionally, with a glass of wine in hand. My nine-year-old son loves to go on “dates” with me to get bubble tea which is one of my favorite things to do. I also love photography. It’s a great day when I get the chance to use my DSLR camera.