

MEMBER PROFILE

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FAVORITE THING ABOUT YOUR JOB?

That I get to work for and with some amazingly smart and innovative people who recognize the value legal information professionals bring to the table. I love being in a position to suggest ideas and explore new technologies that help my team develop their skills and grow the definition of what a librarian is.

FAVORITE QUOTE?

"To live in this world, you must be able to do three things: to love what is mortal; to hold it against your bones knowing your own life depends on it; and, when the time comes to let it go, to let it go." It's from "In Blackwater Woods," by my favorite poet, Mary Oliver.

ADVICE TO YOUR 20-YEAR-OLD SELF?

Chill out. Do not sweat the small stuff. At 20 you feel like every action has a ripple effect, but it really doesn't on the scale you think it does. That grade in Chem? No one cares at 40.

IF YOU WROTE AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY, WHAT WOULD ITS TITLE BE, AND WHY?

"And I Ask Myself: How Did I Get Here?" It would be the story of my uncommon path to adulthood. I took a few side trips and detours, but I think I ended up in exactly the right spot.

WHAT'S YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT AND HOW HAS IT SHAPED YOU?

My greatest achievement is that I am where I am today—well educated, happy, and in a profession I love. My path wasn't straightforward, and I didn't go to college until later. Going back as an adult and completing four degrees is a HUGE accomplishment and not one I would have foreseen in my early twenties. It reminds me it is never too late to explore your passions, learn new things, and create a new path.