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FAVORITE THING ABOUT YOUR JOB? The quick turn-around time needed by our attorneys forces me to be laser-focused and provide a quality answer within minutes. I taught my students at the University of Florida to know when to stop your research and move on, and I now use that same skill! It is my favorite thing because I can contribute a small piece to the firm's success and start each day with a clean slate.

IF YOU COULD BE ANY CHARACTER IN FICTION, WHO WOULD YOU BE? Olaf. He's got funny one-liners, unintentional words of wisdom, and unassuming charm all rolled into one. He's the animated version of me.

ADVICE TO YOUR 20-YEAR-OLD SELF?

You don't have to follow the crowd to fit in. You're destined to lead the way by standing out.

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

Teaching law school students when I was 27 years old at the same law school I graduated from just a few years prior. Just an unbelievable experience, and those students taught me far more in return.

WHAT INSPIRES YOU MOST? My father. He served as a captain in the Vietnam War for South Vietnam and was held captive for seven years when it ended, not knowing if he would ever reunite with his wife and kids. He never complained, which ultimately gave our family refugee status to come to America. He would trade in his freedom all over again to give me and my brothers this chance to live authentically without fear of persecution.