WHAT MADE YOU FOLLOW THE CAREER PATH YOU ARE ON?

Maria Behrens, a librarian at the law firm of Silverstein and Mullens, was someone I admired. She was a mentor who convinced me that the profession needed more diversity, and that young minority children would benefit from seeing a positive role model in a profession that provided numerous opportunities for personal and professional growth. During library school, my commitment to the type of librarianship I wanted to pursue never wavered. Although not many legal classes were offered during that time, I was always intrigued with the law. Upon graduation, I worked in several law firms where I learned to appreciate and respect the invaluable work of those in our profession. When I moved to government, these learned traits allowed me the opportunity to branch out and serve on a variety of committees and boards.

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