MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Getting to Know
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WHAT DREW YOU TO THE PRACTICE OF SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING?
While attending THE Ohio State University, an adjunct professor shared details about caring for his daughter with profound disabilities. Shortly thereafter, my cousin was born with Down syndrome and during law school I clerked for Janet Lowder's law firm. It seemed like the universe was pulling me towards special needs planning.

WHAT SKILL OR HABIT DO YOU THINK IS MOST ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS IN SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING?
Empathy. You may encounter clients who are angry, stressed, or intentionally obtuse. I find focusing on the reasons behind the behaviors, even if you disagree, and trying to empathize with people can make your day and professional relationships more successful.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF ACCOMPLISHING IN YOUR CAREER OR PERSONAL LIFE?

I am unfortunately not someone who celebrates my own accomplishments. As Ms. Norbury says, "I'm a pusher Cady." Mean Girls, 2004.

IF YOU WEREN'T IN THIS PROFESSION, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE DOING?

I've wanted to be an attorney for as long as I can remember, so it is hard to imagine me in another profession. What I love about this area of the law, though, is the chance to learn about my clients' careers and hobbies.

WHAT'S A CAUSE OR ISSUE YOU CARE DEEPLY ABOUT OUTSIDE OF YOUR WORK?

Improving access to health care, especially for women's health and mental health. Encouraging a love of reading in young children and providing access to books in underserved communities. People using their turn signals.

WHAT'S YOUR IDEAL WAY TO SPEND A SATURDAY?

My husband and I start the day with a HIIT workout followed by running errands together to make it more fun, then my teen shares funny stories with me as we cook, and then we all watch Ohio State football on the couch with our dogs before enjoying dinner out with friends.

COFFEE OR TEA? MORNING PERSON OR NIGHT OWL?

Both. I am a morning person. I start my day at 4 am but I am a zombie after 9 pm.