MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Getting to Know
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WHAT DREW YOU TO THE PRACTICE OF SPECIAL NEEDS PLANNING?
I wanted to be a social worker, but my mother made me go to law school.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE A YOUNG PERSON WHO ASPIRES TO PRACTICE SPECIAL NEEDS LAW?
Your greatest value to your clients is your network. No one can be best at everything, but you can know the people who are. Having a good network of lawyers and other professionals will enable you to put your clients in good hands when they need a service you do not provide. Clients appreciate knowing that their best interests come first, and good referrals build trust, strengthen relationships, and reflect your commitment to providing exceptional service.

WHAT'S SOMETHING ABOUT YOU THAT MIGHT SURPRISE OTHERS?
I modeled a sports bra for SELF magazine when I was in my 40s.

WHO OR WHAT INSPIRES YOU THE MOST?
Just a few generations ago, my relatives fled to this country with little more than the brains in their heads, a strong work ethic, and the determination to create a better life. I often wonder what they would think if they could see that, in less than 100 years, their descendant (a woman, no less) would have the opportunity to earn an exceptional education, build a successful law practice, and be elected to hold public office. Their journey inspires me every day to honor their legacy through service, hard work, and gratitude.

WHAT ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF ACCOMPLISHING IN YOUR CAREER OR PERSONAL LIFE?
I'm proud to have established a reputation as a creative problem solver and the go-to person when a case doesn't fit neatly into a box. I love getting a call from someone referred to me by a former client, adversary, or judge that begins: "I have a weird problem, and [person] told me you're the one to call …" I enjoy finding solutions where other lawyers only see obstacles.

WHAT'S YOUR IDEAL WAY TO SPEND A SATURDAY?
Outside and unplugged. Whether I'm hiking, biking, or reading a book, as long as there's fresh air, I'm happy!