

The Scoop

CMBA Member Q&A



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IF YOU WERE NOT PRACTICING LAW, WHAT WOULD YOUR PROFESSION BE?

A veterinarian or a photographer

WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT YOUR JOB?

Fighting for people to be treated fairly at work. Work is such an important feature of modern life, and it shouldn't be a place where people are stuck tolerating discrimination.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR PETS.

We have an 18-year-old feline named Nikki, whom we rescued from the Sun Luck Garden Plaza on Taylor Blvd. one cold, rainy day when she was a tiny, bedraggled kitten. We also love to be pet foster parents. We took care of two St. Patrick's Day kittens, Shamrock and Dublin, who were rescued out of a garage and needed to be socialized. And we just finished fostering a 6-ish-year-old cat named Casey whom someone found on the street; she needed some TLC before and after her dental surgery. Another major project, when the timing is right, will be spending a year raising a puppy for the Guiding Eyes for the Blind.

HOW DID YOU MEET YOUR SPOUSE?

On his second day of work at the Duck tape company on the west side, formerly known as Manco but now known as ShurTech Brands, I introduced myself after he finished a drink from the water fountain. I had been with the company for a couple years while he had just moved to Cleveland, and I wanted to welcome him. We started dating six years later!

ONE FUN FACT ABOUT YOU?

I've never had a cavity.



Matt Miller

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A RECENT MILESTONE FOR YOU OR YOUR FAMILY?

Baby No. 3 arriving this Spring

FAVORITE CLEVELAND HOT SPOT

Westside Market

EAST SIDE OR WEST SIDE?

West side. Bay Village to Rocky River to Bay Village

HOW DID YOU MEET YOUR SPOUSE?

My wife sat next to me in Commercial Law. I was a 2L and she was a 3L.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FIRST EVER JOB.

Worked at a golf course when I was in 8th grade. Learned to tap a keg my first day of my first job

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE BOOK?

The Girl Who Played With Fire and *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest*

WHAT'S ON YOUR BUCKET LIST?

An invitation to play golf at Cypress Point Club

Nicole Braden Lewis

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WHAT DO YOU LOVE ABOUT YOUR JOB?

The people! In my national practice, I work with interesting clients, colleagues at my firm, lawyers across the country, and experts in numerous disciplines such as engineers, medical experts, and product technicians. They are so smart. I love problem-solving with them.

HOW DID YOU MEET YOUR SPOUSE?

My husband Zach and I met at a wedding a month after I took the Bar. My college roommate married his best friend from high school.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO A LAW STUDENT?

Learn everything you can, not just the things that will be on an exam. You have so many opportunities. Our law schools host lectures by nationally and internationally respected authorities, which are free to students even if you are not currently taking a class in the subject area. Cleveland Orchestra student tickets are only \$15.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FIRST EVER JOB.

Babysitting. I took a Red Cross course and had a bag of children's books and activities I would bring with me to the house. I learned a lot about motivating kids to do simple personal tasks like brushing teeth, and I also watched a lot of Saturday Night Live.

WHAT WOULD REALLY SURPRISE PEOPLE ABOUT YOU?

I will be tap-dancing again in the show-stopping last number of the Cleveland City Dance Annual Spring Concert.

INTERESTED IN BEING FEATURED OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT?

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