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Why did you want to become a lawyer?

It's what I've always wanted to do, perhaps because I watched too much Matlock growing up. I initially went the prosecution route because my father was a police officer. However, after shifting into civil practice, one thing has remained the same – there's simply no occupation quite like that of a trial lawyer.

Is there a piece of advice you could offer to someone looking to pursue a similar career?

You have to *want* to be a litigator, to have a passion for the practice. It's not an occupation you can engage in passively.

What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

Jurors immediately pick up on a lack of authenticity. Learn from the greats and take what you can, but you have to make it your own.

What is one thing you're exceptionally good at?

Being curious. It bothers me when the other side knows something I don't, which always drives me to dig a bit deeper.

What is the most valuable lesson you've learned so far in your career?

It is important to constantly reconsider your approach. Falling into the trap of "we've always done it this way" means that you are missing out on opportunities to innovate and do things better. Don't be afraid to challenge the status quo.

How would you describe your time at Lightfoot using one word?

Autonomy. Lightfoot does a very good job of letting associates own their cases and be involved in decision making every step of the way.

What is your "Lightfoot superlative?"

Most likely to work from home.

Describe your dream weekend

A weekend in the mountains with my husband (and pup) filled with mountain biking and spa days.

If you weren't a lawyer, what would you be?

Something in science.