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How did you get into this profession? I was interested in the intellectual challenge of law school. Law school focuses on how to analyze a situation and advocate for a resolution, which are skills transferable to many other careers.

What are the biggest challenges in finding meaningful work as an attorney? Getting bogged down in the minutiae can make you feel like you're just spinning your wheels. I try to reframe my work responsibilities and obligations into the context of how my effort is serving others. I am more patient with the stressful situations and unpleasant characters of the hour when I keep the "big picture" in mind. Any work can be meaningful to you if it is in line with your values.

What challenges do you see for the legal community and what can be done to address them? It can be hard to feel like you are making a difference. Many attorneys, myself included, feel overwhelmed because we are trained to look for and recognize problems, but we don't have enough time or resources to resolve all the problems that we find. We may not be able to fix large-scale problems by ourselves, but it's important to understand that we can help in many smaller, but significant, ways.

Who has been an invaluable mentor to you? I try to learn from everyone, even if it's learning what not to do. Seeing other attorneys I work with and watching how they handle constant issues, like work load, office dynamics, personal goals, and external commitments, has taught me a lot. It's more important to me that I be able to be an invaluable mentor to another, if the opportunity arises. Hopefully, they're not looking to me for examples of what not to do.

What advice do you have for someone who wants to get into this profession? A law degree opens a lot of doors. Especially for people seeking self-determination, lawyer positions can offer the autonomy and flexibility to design your own life and career. It requires the development of competence, confidence, and connection with others. All that said – being conscious of debt load is vital so that you have more options in the future.



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