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## PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE DISTINGUISHED LEADERS



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What is the one word people use to describe you? Eternally optimistic. I like to always think that everything will all work out. Of course, sometimes it doesn't, but seeing the glass as half full encourages me to take chances on more challenging cases and work harder to secure a favorable result.

What is your favorite thing about being in the legal industry? Helping people. I feel fortunate to always be on the side of the victim, because it lets me sleep with a sound conscience to know

I am trying to good things for good people.

What is your No. 1 survival tip in a work crisis? Take a deep breath and don't feel pressured or rushed to make a decision just because others are panicked.

Knowing what you know now, what would you tell your young self when you were graduating? Walter Beckham taught me that when you start a case, trust your visceral, gut reaction because that is what will sustain the burning desire to remedy injustice. Also, stay creative and never quit. Don't try to knock down the wall; instead, come up with a way to go around it.

