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Q: When were you at Shumaker and what was your position/practice area?

A: I worked at Shumaker from September of 2011 until May of 2017. I was an associate in the Corporate and Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) Practice Groups.

Q: What is your current position and company?

A: I am currently an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney at the Ottawa County Prosecutor's Office. I handle adult felony cases.

Q: What did you enjoy most about your career?

A: I have been blessed with wonderful mentors who were never too busy to answer my questions or give me a pep talk. I am trying my best to pay that forward.

Q: What is one thing you learned at Shumaker that has benefitted you ever since?

A: Charts are a really great way to visualize information, whether it's noting differences among agreements or organizing indictments for a burglary ring.

Q: What is your favorite memory of your time working at Shumaker?

A: I remember going home to eat dinner and shower one night, knowing that I would be going back to work later that evening. I threw on sweats and did not dry my hair. When I returned to the office, I shut my door and put on a Broadway soundtrack. There was a knock at the door. Turns out I was far from the only one in the office, but at least we all had gotten the memo about the dress code.

Q: What is the best advice you can give a new attorney?

A: Do not be afraid to ask questions. It can be daunting to admit you do not know what is being asked of you, but it is far better to ask what seems like a silly question than to assume you know what you are doing only to find out you were mistaken. Trust me on this one.

Q: What news would you like to share about your personal or professional life?

A: I still adopt deployed service members and keep in touch with the Airman I collected holiday cards for back in 2015. Ottawa County thankfully does not have many murder cases, but my first murder case ended earlier this year in a conviction.