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*"Remember to take time for yourself. It's much easier to help others when you yourself are happy and healthy."*



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

**A:** I practiced litigation and bankruptcy and creditor's rights in Shumaker's Tampa office from 2014 to 2017.

**Q: What is your current position and company?**

**A:** I am Corporate Counsel for Stantec, an engineering and architecture firm with more than 22,000 employees in 350 offices across 6 continents. I manage all forms of legal matters for our Infrastructure business line in the Southeast U.S. from Texas to Maryland, including claims and litigation, contracts, compliance, ethics, employment and labor, insurance disputes, and other matters.

**Q: What do you enjoy most about your career?**

**A:** Problem solving. Clients never come to lawyers to answer the easy questions. Every situation is different and requires its own unique approach and strategy.

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

**A:** Out of many great memories, I would say co-chairing the holiday party silent auction, regular coffee runs to Kahwa with Seth Traub, and the annual associates parties were among my favorites.

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

**A:** Always let your ethics and sense of justice drive your decisions. You are most persuasive when you believe in your own arguments.

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

**A:** Since I left Shumaker in 2017, I have moved to Rochester, NY to be closer to family, bought my first house, and got married (see photo of my wife and me on our honeymoon in Germany—before COVID). If there is any silver lining to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has encouraged me to do a lot more hiking, cycling, and just enjoying the outdoors, even in the frigid Rochester winters.