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■ **Describe your biggest win or accomplishment in practice.** This year, I worked with an amazing team to secure dismissal of a nationwide wage-and-hour class action brought on behalf of over 260,000 Lowe's employees, when a Fourth Circuit panel affirmed dismissal of the employees' claims with prejudice and entered judgment in Lowe's favor on all claims. I also worked with another terrific team to secure dismissal of several claims against two Ford Motor Company subsidiaries in a high-stakes executive compensation dispute.

■ **What was the most valuable lesson you learned in your first year practicing law?** I learned how important it is to become the master of the facts in any litigation—and to work on cases with fun facts, and with people you have fun working with!

■ **Who is your greatest lawyer mentor and what has he or she taught you?** Judge John



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Bates (for whom I clerked), Jason Schwartz (co-chair of our Practice Group), and Gene Scalia (former Secretary of Labor) all have been invaluable mentors to me, and have taught me everything I know about practicing law.

■ **Please share a brief key to your success.** Find people you like working with, and find work you enjoy doing—you'll always be successful if you enjoy what you do (and who you're doing it with). ■