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Organization: Gibson Dunn & Crutcher LLP

Job title: Partner

Age: 39

Hometown: Denver

Describe your role: I am a partner at a law firm, where I help companies resolve their disputes about intellectual property so that they can go back to focusing on innovating, developing, and selling products.

Big accomplishment: 1) Excelling at my firm while raising two young children; 2) Taking on roles at work often reserved for more senior attorneys and thriving in them.

Achievements in the past year: Number of cases resolved for my clients.

What motivates you? Getting to know my clients and their businesses. Of course, it is always nice to win, but when you get to know your client on a personal level, and you see first-hand the passion of the people who work with them, it makes you want to win 100 times more.

What has been the most challenging part of your career? Balancing my demanding job and raising two young children. I've mostly overcome that by spending very little time on self-care, but I've also learned to be super-efficient so that every extra moment I have, I can spend with my family.

Next big move: I just had a big change when I made partner at my firm. My next big goal is to expand my client base in Colorado.

How do you give back? I have been very involved with our migrant community, both through my pro bono work at the firm and personally. In my community, I've connected with several families and tried to do whatever I can to ease their transition into our country. I've also recently joined the Board of the Delores Project, a Denver nonprofit that assists people experiencing homelessness through the provision of dignified and trauma-informed shelter and support services for women, transgender, and nonbinary individuals, and supportive housing for people of all genders.

Anything else? Congrats to all the winners! I'm honored to be part of this group.