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Alumni Profiles

1) Briefly tell us about your current job.

I am a corporate associate with Powell Goldstein, LLP. I focus my practice on mergers and acquisitions, securities compliance and some corporate technology work.

2) Briefly tell us about your career path.

I worked briefly over the summer after graduating from DePauw in 2004 for a small fine arts festival non-profit back home in South Bend, Indiana. I then enrolled at Vanderbilt University Law School in the fall of 2004. During law school, I worked with the District Attorney in Nashville, TN as well as my current firm. I graduated in May 2007 and began my legal career with Powell Goldstein in September 2007 upon completing my bar exam studies during the summer.

3) What were some of your activities at DePauw?

I was an active member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. I was also involved in IFC, Science Research Fellows, the Coalition for a Responsibility Community, Student Congress, the Black and Gold Student Alumni Association, and several other organizations. I currently am a member of the DePauw Alumni Association Board of Directors.

4) How has DePauw influenced your success?

From an academic perspective, DePauw provided a solid foundation for the type of analysis necessary in law. As a biology major, I actually had a wide variety of perspectives from the humanities and communications classes I took. Having those other perspectives was very helpful.

More importantly, however, DePauw helped me develop stronger social skills. Given the academic and social talent of the student body, as well as the small size of both classes and the school in general, I was forced to learn how to interact and deal with people. Being a part of a fraternity was surprisingly helpful in learning how to manage other people, interview and relate to new acquaintances, and to develop a stronger sense of self.

5) What is the best career advice you would give students today?

Take initiative to find what you are looking for. If you are looking for graduate scholastic work, find people in your field from DePauw. We have an amazing

alumni base, and we should use it. Tools such as Google, Facebook, and DePauw's directory are great ways to find someone to just talk to. Don't go into your career search as trying to impress someone. Use it as a way to find out what exactly a given career, graduate program, and life have to offer. You will be come impressive by educating yourself about what a given path offers and how that fits into your education and your goals in life.

6) What city and state do you call home?

Atlanta, Georgia

7) What do you do in your free time?

I am actively involved in my condo association as a social event planner. I am a restaurant blogger and amateur mixologist. I also try to make time to explore the development and real estate markets here in Atlanta.

8) Where have you traveled in the past 5 years?

Beyond living and working (or taking classes) in Orlando, Greencastle, South Bend, Nashville, and now Atlanta, professionally, I have traveled around the Midwest, specifically Indianapolis, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Chicago, Urbana-Champaign, and Louisville. I also have done brief work in New York. Socially, I have made time to travel to Orlando, New Orleans, Gatlinburg, Naples, Tampa, Lexington, Charlotte, St. Thomas, and Grand Bahama.