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Where did you attend law school?

University of South Dakota School of Law, 2015.

In which areas of the law, or within the broader legal industry itself, do you see the most opportunity for growth and success?

Estate Planning and Business Law



Think back to the day you graduated from law school. How is your legal career different than you had anticipated then?

My legal career is completely different than I anticipated in law school. I clerked for Buffalo County Court Judge Jorgensen before law school, focused on litigation in my law studies, competed in Mock Trial, and clerked for Federal District Judge Lange in Pierre, South Dakota after law school. I always thought I wanted to litigate. I have discovered, however, that I enjoy transactional work more on a day-to-day basis. I enjoy the skills I gained serving as Editor-in-Chief of the South Dakota Law Review--intensely writing and editing contracts, briefs, and other documents--more than the confrontational aspect of litigation.

Again, thinking back to that day: what advice would you have given yourself knowing what you know now?

I wish I would have job shadowed lawyers across different practices areas before law school. You can do so much more with a JD than litigate a civil or criminal case.

How do you think your firm/corporation/organization is helping prepare you for the challenges and opportunities of a legal career?

I am so very blessed to be working for Jacobsen Orr. First, my firm has allowed me to work on a wide-variety of cases which always keeps me thinking about "the bigger picture" and has helped me decide what areas of the law interest me. Second, Jacobsen Orr encourages exploration of new practice areas and supports business development/networking ideas that align with my professional goals. Finally, and most importantly, Jacobsen Orr is incredibly supportive of maintaining work-life balance and overall happiness for its lawyers. We don't just work hard here, we work hard and have fun doing it.

Why are you a dues-paying member of the NSBA?

For the incentives, including the free CLEs.