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This week's Q&A with

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Alicia Castro is a Partner in Locke Lord's Business Litigation and Dispute Resolution Practice Group based in the Houston office. Her practice is a blend of litigation (with a focus on fiduciary litigation and energy litigation) and internal investigation work. In just about every case and every investigation, she has found it comes down to some combination of: what did they do, what did they say, what did they know, what did they agree to? Her work is also about getting to know people, which is one of the things she enjoys most on a day-to-day basis.



More About Alicia

What has helped you to become successful in your field?

To me, dedication to my clients, attention to detail and creative thinking are the key building blocks for any successful practice. I give every client my best, every day.

How did you know that you wanted to practice law? // What inspired you to become a lawyer?

My grandfather. He was the incredible combination of brilliant and hard working. He earned both his undergraduate and his law degree from Yale, then enlisted in the Army during World War II and stormed Omaha Beach. But the stories I'm most proud of were from his years as a Rhode Island Superior Court Justice. He had a small law library in his home where he would stay up late reading every cited authority in his cases. I grew up with stories of some of the impacts he made in everyday lives through his cases.

Who has had the biggest professional influence in your life? // Did you have a mentor? If so, tell us the most important things you learned from them.

I've been fortunate to have many mentors within the Firm, and over the years they've taught me everything from trial strategy, to how to take a deposition, to managing the day-to-day. However, the award for biggest professional influence in my life has to go to my husband, who is also a lawyer and my biggest supporter.

Tell us your favorite book, movie, or TV show and why you like it.

La Niña, hands down. It is written and produced in Colombia and tells the remarkable true story of a young girl who was conscripted into the guerrilla at age 8. She escaped at age 15 and entered a reintegration program to learn how to re-enter society after losing her childhood to jungle warfare. Available on Netflix.

What is your favorite thing about, or to do in, Houston?

As someone who didn't grow up here (I grew up in Florida), my favorite thing about Houston is its diversity and inclusiveness. I've always thought it's one of our city's greatest strengths, and I was recently pleasantly surprised to learn that in a recent study of the Houston metro area, we have over 1.5 million foreign-born residents (almost a quarter of our population). At my local park on any given day, you can hear at least four different languages. It's incredible.

What would be your fantasy career if you weren't a lawyer?

I'd be a veterinarian working with exotic animals at the zoo. I'm a huge animal lover and just think it sounds awesome.



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