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This week's Q&A with

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## More About Julie

### **Tell us about the most interesting or significant matter you've worked on in your career.**

The most memorable moments of my career involve jury trials that go to verdict. You work on these cases for years and then see the culmination of hundreds of your strategic decisions play out in the courtroom. Nothing beats the sweaty palms moment when the jury foreman hands the verdict form to the judge, who then pauses before reading the result.

### **What has helped you to become successful in your field?**

First, never giving up on myself or my cases. Keep pushing, keep striving and keep going. If you have a bad day today, a better day will follow tomorrow. Second, the amazing attorneys at this Firm who believed in me and helped me become a trial lawyer. There are many to thank, especially Chicago Partner Steve Whitmer for his unfaltering support and partnership over the years.

### **What's the biggest challenge you've faced in your career?**

Like many working mothers, my biggest challenge is balancing my time at work with my time at home. I have come to understand that you cannot be all things to all people at all times. There are times that work takes priority over home and vice versa. I am learning to be OK with that and strive for an overall sense of balance.

### **What do you do to relax and reset after a long week?**

My weekends are all about family time with my husband and our 10-year-old daughter. We love the outdoors and spend summers hanging out at our pool, swimming in Lake Michigan, biking nature trails and cooking out with friends and family. My husband is a grill master, and his legendary steaks are not to be missed.

**If you could have dinner with one person, living or dead, who would it be and why?**

My grandfather Harold Masse, who continues to inspire me long after he passed. He was the oldest of 10 children and left school in the eighth grade to work the family farm following the death of his father. His strong work ethic and commitment to family is unmatched. He cultivated a lifelong love of learning and knowledge that he fostered in each of his grandchildren. I would love to have one more Sunday dinner with him, with all our family gathered around the large table in my grandparents' kitchen.

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

I am an avid reader. I struggled with whether to go to law school or get a master's degree in library science after college. Law school won, but my fantasy career takes me back to the library, introducing children to classic books that will become their new favorites.



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