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This week's Q&A with

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More About Andrew

What has helped you to become successful in your field?

Since the very beginning of my career, I've focused on anticipating and satisfying client needs in a timely and efficient manner, distilling complex legal issues and offering creative (but practical) solutions, being pragmatic in delivering my advice and always looking for ways to leverage my experience to add value.

What drives or motivates you on your hardest days/during your most difficult matters?

The level of focus and attention to detail required to negotiate, document and close transactions produce adrenaline on the hardest days — which often double as the most exciting and rewarding, particularly when they involve finding solutions to difficult and contentious legal issues or closing a deal.

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.

My parents and grandparents, who impressed upon me the value and virtue of hard work in all facets of life and the drive to excel. For example, when I proudly reported to my grandfather that I received a 98 on a test, his standard response was, "Why didn't you get a 100?" That mentality stuck with me and drives me to seek continuous improvement.

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

Ideally, spending as much time as possible with my family, who I may not have seen for more than passing moments. Time permitting, skiing in the winter or a round of golf in the summer is a bonus.

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

It is an incredibly accessible city, with an outstanding restaurant and theater scene, and it is less than an hour away from just about every beach in the state. I also enjoy getting away for date nights with my wife and trying out new restaurants.

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

Although I do not possess the requisite skill set, I would be a college basketball coach in a Power Five conference. Cue my wife rolling her eyes! I have been an avid college basketball fan since childhood.



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