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## WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT YOUR PRACTICE AREA?

The diversity.

Our FIG Practice is different than most other legal practices: it is industry-specific. We focus on the needs of financial institutions—banks, broker-dealers and exchanges, to name just a few—across the different contexts in which they find themselves. This includes compliance questions, regulatory implementation and strategy, transactions and enforcement. Because of this variety—and since markets, technology and the state of the law continually evolve—the questions and issues are always interesting and challenging. Cravath is a fantastic platform for this type of practice, particularly given the Firm's culture of teamwork and collaboration.

## WHAT IS THE BEST CAREER ADVICE YOU HAVE RECEIVED?

"It's supposed to be hard."

It is helpful to view challenging projects and matters as opportunities for growth—and to lean into them. The most interesting, and ultimately rewarding, roles and assignments are the ones that push you to the edge of your ability and comfort zone. From a professional services perspective, the difficult problems and thorny questions are the situations where clients need really great advice, so they present excellent opportunities to add value and stand out.

## WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT BEING A LAWYER?

I truly enjoy the process of (1) listening closely to a client and working hard to distill complex situations and issues into simplified decision points and practical advice, and then (2) packaging and delivering that advice, as quickly as possible, in a form that is most helpful to that client given their particular needs.

## TELL US ABOUT SOMEONE OUTSIDE OF THE FIRM WHO HAS INSPIRED YOU.

My wife, Kim. Not only is she my best friend and life partner, she is also the hardest worker I know. Her ability to successfully juggle and manage family and professional demands, all with a smile and a sense of humor (and not enough sleep), inspires me. We grew up next door to each other, so I often say a silent "thank you" to my parents for the decision they made in the mid-1980s on where to buy a home.

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