

PERSONAL & PRACTICE:

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PERSONAL:

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST EXTRAVAGANCE?

- ▶ Travel. I love to travel, even to Midwestern towns like Albert Lea, Peoria and Sheboygan.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE JOURNEY?

- ▶ I spent one semester of my junior year in college attending school in England. Over the Christmas holiday I traveled to Italy and stopped in the Lakes Region of northern Italy. I have returned to that area several times since and think that it is easily one of the most beautiful places on earth.

WHAT DO YOU CONSIDER YOUR GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT?

- ▶ I'm proud of my two bright, reasonably well-adjusted and athletic kids.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST TREASURED POSSESSION?

- ▶ Souvenirs I've collected on my travels. My library card to the Bodleian Library at Oxford University in England and a small piece of mortar from Hadrian's Wall in northern England, which was built in 122 A.D., are two of my favorites.

WHAT DO YOU MOST VALUE IN YOUR FRIENDS?

- ▶ Familiarity and a sense of humor.

PRACTICE:

WHAT MADE YOU WANT TO PRACTICE LAW?

- ▶ I was a businessman before I was a lawyer and wanted to find a profession that was more challenging and stimulating.

WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST CLIENT ACHIEVEMENT?

- ▶ My greatest client achievement has been successfully representing my clients in three cases in the Minnesota Supreme Court.

WHAT DO YOU MOST ENJOY ABOUT WORKING AT FAEGRE BAKER DANIELS?

- ▶ I have practiced at FaegreBD for six years. I like the freedom I have to manage my cases the best way I can to serve my clients. I also like the challenge of the interesting cases I have here.

WHAT DO YOU FIND MOST CHALLENGING ABOUT YOUR AREA OF FOCUS?

- ▶ My primary focus is eminent domain or condemnation law, which is a subset of property law. To be a good condemnation lawyer a person must have a solid understanding of property law and the law applicable to the valuation of property. Additionally, a condemnation lawyer must have a good understanding of appraisal practice standards and a various engineering standards. So, the most challenging aspect of being a condemnation lawyer is the fact that it requires a solid understanding of a number of discrete areas of the law along with an understanding of the appraisal business and an understanding of engineering.

WHAT DO YOU FIND MOST REWARDING ABOUT YOUR AREA OF FOCUS?

- ▶ Sorting through its complexities and presenting a winning case for my clients.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST LESSON YOU'VE LEARNED?

- ▶ That being involved in a lawsuit is difficult for many people and that many clients require a lot of care and reassurance as they go through the process of a lawsuit. My experience is that keeping clients regularly informed about the progress and status of their cases helps them become more comfortable with the litigation process.