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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

By ABIGAIL SMITH



When I was a child, my grandparents took my sister and me to a toy store, where we were told we could pick anything we wanted. I don't recall what my sister chose, but I selected a microscope. Several years later, my parents attended a parent-teacher conference at my high school. My AP Biology teacher told them that we had just had a test, and then rolled her eyes and said, "I know Abby's going to argue with me about her grade." My dad swears he replied, "I wish you luck!"

I have often wondered how I ended up as a patent attorney, but the truth is, the core elements were always there. My passions for science, and for arguing, plot a course that wound through the

University of Colorado at Boulder, Chicago-Kent College of Law and ultimately the Colorado Department of Law, where I currently serve as an Assistant Attorney General. As I embark on my Presidential year, I would like to begin by introducing myself to you. I was born in Kirksville, Missouri during a thunderstorm, which I suppose is proof that I've always known how to make an entrance. The other story told about my birth is that I was the only baby in the nursery, and it was apparent that the nurses doted on me. Every time I was brought to my mom, I had a different outfit and a new bow in my meager hair. This likely explains my current obsession with shoes.



On the occasion of my first birthday, my family moved to Oregon. We moved frequently throughout my childhood, a circumstance that had nothing to do with military service. My parents were simply afflicted with what my grandfather called "the wan-

derlust." We moved from Missouri to Oregon, then back to Missouri, and finally to Colorado. I spent many of my formative years in Wheat Ridge, until we completed our final move as a family to Greeley, where I graduated high school and matriculated to CU-Boulder.

I began college as an English major, with a vague idea that I might attend medical school one day. I decided to complete all the medical school prerequisites just in case, which balanced out my schedule with science, physics and math courses. Ever intrigued by the miniature world only visible in a microscope, I focused on courses in the Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology (MCDB) department.



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Of course, college created many opportunities outside of study, including the chance to travel to Cambodia and the Philippines to engage in charity work. As a young woman with no international travel experience, much less any familiarity with third world poverty, these were terrifying, eye-opening, and ultimately transformative, experiences. We worked in a hospital, where we watched the daily lottery, a morning ritual necessitated by the ratio of patients to doctors and resources, to determine which patients would be seen that day. We helped the doctors to collect med-



ical histories for patients who had never had any sort of medical care. We assisted in HIV and AIDS outreach, teaching classes and bringing food and medication to families who had been shunned due to the disease. We learned about war and the Khmer

Rouge, and how the devastating policies of a dictator can impact generations to come. It's the first time in my life I can remember thinking that I knew and understood little about the world outside my bubble.



The intensity of the work was balanced with opportunities for diversion. We were escorted to markets, where we happily haggled over jewelry and souvenirs. We spent a day driving Go-Karts at a race-track. And we visited Angkor Wat, which remains one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen.

By the time I began my senior year, I had completed all the requirements for my English degree and, casting about for something to do, I decided to see if I was eligible to obtain a minor in MCDB. The advisor told me that the department didn't offer minors, but I was "very close" to a major. This turned out to be a filthy lie,

but one I'm grateful for, as I might not have elected my second major if I had known how difficult the next two semesters would be.

Upon graduation, I accepted a full-time position in one of the campus labs. It took about six months to realize that as intriguing as I found the work, I was never going to enjoy a job with so little human interaction. Unsure what to do, I decided that my answer might be law school. I began my studies at Valparaiso Law School. That spring, I had a conversation with our Legal Research professor that would change my life. He asked me about my future plans, and I sheepishly admitted that I had no idea what I was doing. I wasn't sure what kind of law I wanted to practice, and I still didn't really understand what it meant to practice law. He asked some questions about my degree and background, and then exclaimed, "You must transfer immediately to a school that can teach you patent law!" I took his wonderful advice and transferred to Chicago-Kent College of Law, where I would eventually receive both my Juris Doctor and a certification in intellectual property law.

As graduation neared, I slowly began to realize that I would have to leave my beloved adopted city. It was dif-

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difficult to be so far from my family, and I knew that my sister was beginning to plan a family of her own. As much as I appreciated all the moving we had done throughout my childhood, it came at a price. We saw our extended family infrequently, and they never felt like a big part of my life. I knew that I wanted to be close with my sister's future children, so I decided to move back to Colorado.

I began my professional life at a patent boutique in Longmont. Having attended law school out of state, I didn't have many legal contacts in Colorado. I joined the Boulder County Bar Association and started attending events. One fateful Saturday, I volunteered to judge the regional Colorado High School Mock Trial tournament, where I met Christine, our lovely executive director. From there, I became the co-chair of the Intellectual Property Section and eventually joined the Board of Directors. Two years ago, I joined the Executive Committee, which brings me to the present and my Presidential year.

As for my professional life, I continued in private practice until this past October. For some time, I had been struggling with a desire to do more with my career. Attorneys have an incredible opportunity to help people, but it can be a challenge to actually find ways to help. As a patent attorney, my education and experience were not well tailored to pro bono work. Then, an opportunity came to join the Department of Law. In my first interview, my now-supervisor asked why I wanted the job. I told her that I wanted to use my degree for good instead of evil. Luckily, she laughed. Then I gave her my real answer, which was that I thought I could and should use my education and experience to serve my community. She smiled and said, "That's why we all come to work here."

I am excited, terrified, and, above all, hopeful about the upcoming year. This page is my opportunity to explain my goals for the year, and update you on our progress toward reaching those goals. It is equally important to me that

you communicate your ideas, needs and questions to me, so that together, we can continue to build on our excellent foundation. Please follow me on Twitter, where my handle is @ms_smith, and on Instagram, where I post as patentlyabsurd, to keep abreast of events as well as other important information, such as updates in my culinary adventures, hiking trips and, most importantly, my shoe collection. E-mail me with any comments, suggestions or questions at abigail.smith@coag.gov.

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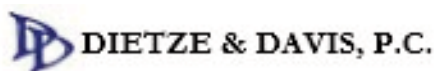
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has become a Shareholder with our Firm.

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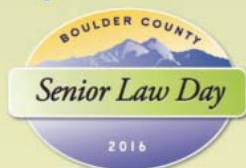
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Left Photo : BCBA President Craig Small and Win Johnson presented the Award of Merit presented to Jim Christoph.



Right Photo: Lila Sol presented the Outstanding Lawyer of the Year award to Elyse Maranjian.



Right Photo: Judge David Archuleta and Craig Small present a Special Recognition Award honoring Magistrate Kristina Hansson for her service on the bench and to the community.

Left Photo: Incoming BCBA President Abigail Smith thanks Craig Small for his service as BCBA president.



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Pro Bono Referrals

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August 8	Mike Rafik	303.444.9292
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August 22	Lee Strickler	303.443.6690
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Mr. Cohen served as an Air Force JAG, a Special Asst. U.S. Attorney, a prosecutor, a Boulder Municipal Judge, on the Executive Board of the Colorado Municipal League, and on the Editorial Board of The Colorado Lawyer. He wrote six articles published in the American Jurisprudence Proof of Facts series. He taught an advanced legal writing class at the University of Arkansas School of Law. His two mysteries, published by Time Warner, won high praise, and one was a Book Sense® top ten mystery pick. His non-legal articles have appeared in magazines such as Inside Kung Fu, Camping & RV, and Modern Dad. He is a member of the Institute of General Semantics.

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