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I really didn't decide I wanted to be a lawyer until I was probably in my senior year in college. I was pursuing premed studies at the time but it just wasn't my cup of tea as they say. And so I started looking around for alternatives and I looked into business school and I looked into Law school. I guess ultimately I couldn't figure out what they did in business school so I went to law school. I immediately gravitated towards international law and became the chairman of the international law society in school and was the founder of our journal on international law.

When I graduated from law school I was fortunate to be offered a position on the staff of the house judiciary committee. Worked on a number of different matters over which the committee has jurisdiction, constitutional law, criminal law, etc. But I was particularly intrigued by immigration law and that immigration was going to be much more a very phenomena and it was going to really include persons all across the economic spectrum as well as your traditional classic family based immigrant that belonged to a particular ethnic community so there was this whole new gloss on immigration. The issues were very interesting, policy development was exciting at the time. So, that's why I gravitated towards the field.

I think that the immigration tends to attract attorneys that are primarily interested in working with people. And the greatest satisfaction really comes from being able to have that personal interface and do something important for someone. And it is interesting because notwithstanding all of my management responsibilities in the firm, I still have my client group that I oversee and quite a number of individual clients that I work with and I actually find that part of it to be the most rewarding. But, at the end of the day it's really the practice that is the most enticing part of the field.