

Alumni Spotlight: Jennifer Duberstein

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Alumna Jennifer Duberstein, previously a corporate associate in our New York office, is now Head of Sports Corporate Business Affairs at CAA Sports, a talent and sports agency based in Los Angeles. Jennifer told us about her position and life after Proskauer.

Tell us about your day-to-day at your current company.

I cover corporate-related business matters as Head of Sports Corporate Business Affairs at CAA Sports. This responsibility means there is no such thing as a "typical" day, and I love this aspect of my job. I am lucky to cover a wide range of business and legal projects that help CAA Sports grow its revenue and achieve its business goals.

Why did you become a lawyer?

I became a lawyer because I wanted to have a meaningful career where I was able to help my clients and care for their business interests. I had worked in sports public relations as my first job after college. In that junior role, I was able to see the responsibilities of each department. I realized quickly that the lawyers were involved in the most interesting and challenging projects, so I went to law school with a specific goal in mind.

How did your Proskauer experience prepare you for your current job?

I can't imagine a better training ground for my current role. I learned how to multitask, work under pressure and process difficult issues. My time at Proskauer gave me the professional foundation to apply to each new project I take on.

What do you enjoy most about your career?

I learn something new every day. I am never bored, and I am able to impact and shape deals in the sports world.

What career advice would you give to junior associates?

See every project as a learning opportunity. Be a sponge, because you will have no better chance to grow than at this time in your career. And, when in doubt, know that even the most difficult, boring or seemingly inapplicable late-night projects will have meaning at some point in your career.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

My greatest professional achievement is being on the career path I initially set out to find.

What is the best advice you've ever been given?

Believe in yourself.

What does mentorship mean to you?

To me, a mentor is a teacher, a cheerleader and a sounding board. I wouldn't be where I am today without the encouragement of my mentors, like Joe Leccese, who I was lucky to meet and work with while at Proskauer.

What did you want to be when you were a kid?

I wanted to be either a sports broadcaster or the host of the Today Show. I am very happy with where I landed

When you're not in the office, where would we find you?

You would find me spending time with my five-month-old son, Zachary. He can put a smile on anyone's face. Mike and I are so lucky to be his parents.

What do you never leave home without?

My iPhone and a pair of sneakers.

Who do you admire most and why?

I admire my mom. As a single mom, she taught me by her actions how to work hard, be responsible and to never give up. I am fortunate to have had such a great example to grow up watching.