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Education: B.A., Social Studies, Harvard University; J.D., University of California, Los Angeles.

Community involvement: I have been involved in many pro bono efforts for years, including for The Biomimicry Institute, Goodwill, Common Sense Media, Business for Social Responsibility, The World Wildlife Fund, Build Change, and the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB). I provide IP advice to a variety of cultural, media, and arts organizations, and other assistance for nonprofits.

Proudest professional accomplishment: I am honored that my colleagues at Morrison & Foerster recently selected me as a firmwide managing partner with global responsibilities.

Best business mentor: My dad. He practiced law for decades before he went into business. He taught me that just because you are a lawyer you don't need to be risk averse.

Dream super power: To be able to do to multiple things at once (in different places) and still be "in the moment" and 100 percent focused on each.

Surprising fact about you: I once worked in an adhesive tape factory.