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Becoming an asset

Kathryn Homburger Mickelson Class of 2012

- Quit her job in public relations to go to law school at age 30.
- Used to be in musical theatre in grade school, high school and college.
- Has traveled to most of the world's continents.

As the only equity partner at Beer-mann LLP who started as a law clerk, Kathryn Homburger Mickelson had the chance to see “ins and outs” of the firm in a way many of her colleagues have not.

Mickelson said in addition to trying cases in the family law sphere, she acts as a supervising attorney who helps the younger cohort find their place at the firm.

Mickelson has been with Beer-mann since 2005, the same year she graduated from Chicago-Kent College of Law.

“I have been able to help younger attorneys with the ability to not only further their career but generate business,” she said. “There’s a lot of trust with a lot

of the younger attorneys.”

When speaking to attorneys she often stresses the importance of trying to be an asset to many different people when starting out at a firm.

She also believes in the importance of getting involved, whether it be inside the firm or outside, and going above and beyond when it comes to commitment.

“It’s not just about being a part of an organization, it’s really about making yourself distinguished from the pack,” she said.

Mickelson is involved in the Women’s Network of Make-A-Wish Illinois, an annual event that honors women leaders in the community who have made an impact. The event, Women,

Wine & Wishes, welcomes around 300 women each year and they raise about \$100,000 annually, she said.

She also co-chairs the Illinois Domestic Relations roundtable, an event through the Women’s Bar Association of Illinois.

Mickelson said over the last several years she has become more targeted in her approaches with clients, business development and her professional and personal time.

This has required her to delegate more tasks, especially as a working mom with two children.

“It has been really great to show as a working mom what you can do. There’s still time to develop business and tend to your clients,” she said.

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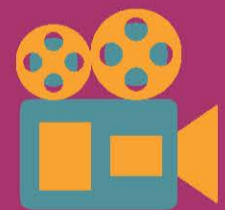
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