


Education (degrees & institutions):

J.D., St. Thomas University School of Law; B.S., Florida State University

Company Name:

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP

Industry: Law

Company CEO: Jim Lehman

Company Headquarters Location:

Columbia, SC

Your Location (if different from above):

Miami, FL

Words you live by: Life is 10% what you make it and 90% how you take it.

Who is your personal hero?

Ruth Bader Ginsburg

What book(s) are you reading?

The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times by Michelle Obama

What was your first job?

My first job was at 15 as a cashier at a local hardware store

Favorite charity: Doing pro bono work through Legal Services of Greater Miami and St. Jude Children's Hospital

Interests/Hobbies: Traveling and spending time with my daughters

Family: My husband and my daughters (7 and 4 years old)

To Thine Own Self Be True, but Don't Forget To Be Adaptable and Open Too

The best advice I ever received was given to me by a mentor my first year as an attorney and has helped shape the way I approach my work and my life. The advice was simple yet profound: "Always be yourself. Don't ever try to be more or less than who you are." My mentor went on to explain that the qualities and traits that my family and friends love and value in me, are the same qualities and traits that make me valuable as an attorney and advocate.

"While it is important to stand firm in my convictions, it is equally important to continuously challenge my own assumptions and beliefs and always be receptive to feedback from others."

At first, I found it challenging to put this advice into practice. As a young attorney, I was eager to please and often found myself trying to conform to what I thought others expected of me. However, as I gained more experience, I realized that my mentor was right. When I allowed myself to be true to who I am, I found that I was more persuasive, more effective in my work, and more confident. This allowed me to gain the credibility and trust of my partners, colleagues, clients, judges, and opposing counsel. It also allowed me to develop genuine connections with people in my professional life, many of whom have become lifelong friends.

However, being true to oneself does not mean being rigid or inflexible. As an attorney, it is important to remain adaptable and open to new ideas and perspectives. To recognize that everyone has their strengths and weaknesses, and to seek out opportunities to learn from others.

I believe that being myself and having a clear sense of identity has been essential to my success, both in my personal and professional life. While it is important to stand firm in my convictions, it is equally important to continuously challenge my own assumptions and beliefs and always be receptive to feedback from others. By doing so, I will continue to grow and learn as an individual and as an attorney.