

[Traditions: Call Me Old Fashioned](#)

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Call me old fashioned, or maybe just nostalgic. I cherish traditions. Does your city have any? Does your law firm have any?

I grew up in [Lombard, Illinois](#), a Chicago suburb. Lombard is the [Lilac Village](#) and each year has a Lilac Festival and a [Queen and her Court each year](#). I saw on the link that it is May 2-17 this year.

I am speaking at an event in Chicago on May 14, so I may just have to take a few hours and walk through Lilacia Park during the festival.



Last week I wrote about my upcoming trip to Montreal. Because the American Airlines non-stop flight lands at almost midnight, I flew up on Saturday night and I was there on Sunday, the last day of the [Quebec Region's Sugaring Off Maple Syrup Festival](#).

Most of the Sugar Shacks are outside of Montreal, but the City has created its own version where they invite top Montreal chefs to create unique dishes, all with some amount of Maple Syrup.

Montreal lawyer [Ayse Dali](#) and her family took a good part of their Sunday to take me to the [Old Montreal: Back at the Sugar Shack](#). For me it was a once in a lifetime unique and wonderful experience.



As you know, Nancy and I recently moved to Prosper, Texas. It is a small town well known for its [Christmas Festival](#). A few years ago, Nancy and I attended the annual [Waimea Christmas Parade](#) on the Big Island of Hawaii. Even though we were visiting, we felt we were a part of the community.



My old law firm had a tradition. It wasn't a big one, but it was an important one. Every Friday we had the "All Attorneys' Lunch" on our 37th floor.

This was an opportunity for us to spend time with our colleagues from different floors and practice groups. Since there were about 200 lawyers in Dallas on 8-9 different floors, leaders thought this tradition was an important one.

I visited my old firm (now part of a larger firm) last year and was pleased to learn that the Dallas lawyers still eat lunch together on Fridays.

What are the traditions in your home town or your law firm? If you have an extra minute, please share them by commenting here.

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