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Current job: Managing attorney of Rylander & Associates PC. We are a fun group of nerdy and skilled patent attorneys. We frequently dress casually and sometimes take an afternoon off to watch a new Star Trek film. Since clients who create sophisticated technology do the same thing, we fit right in.

Proudest professional moment: Making the winning argument at oral hearing in a published case before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington, D.C. in Campbell Pet Company v. Miale. The oral arguments are held in a courthouse right next to the White House. There are several courtrooms, and the one that I got assigned had stadium seating. It was packed and I was the second case called. I was up against an incredibly large Silicon Valley powerhouse firm, but I knew my case and had anticipated the questions. When I left, one of the attorneys watching from the stadium seats told me “nicely done,” which made me feel good. When the decision came out adopting my argument and ruling in my client’s favor, all was right with the world.

First job: Other than the typical Ridgefield first job of haying or strawberry picking, my first real job was running the coin machine at Northwest National Bank when Robert Young was still alive. He was a nice guy who had me take his Cadillac to the car wash every once in a while.

Fun fact: I’ve run marathons in Iceland and Medoc, France. I’ve bungee jumped, sky dived and jumped off of a 53-foot waterfall. But I don’t do anything risky.

Favorite spot on a Saturday night: When not having a tennis match (either me watching my wife, or my wife watching me), then we like dining out. We can often be found at Lapellah and occasionally Low Bar. We need to be close enough to drive home for our kids.

Favorite movie: This is a tough question. There are many good movies that I would count as favorites, but the list of top ten would always include Good Will Hunting and The Godfather I & II.

Music of choice: Almost anything, and plenty of it. I am currently listening to Macklemore, AC/DC and Jean Michel Jarre.

Favorite place to eat: Woody’s Tacos. I live and breathe Woody’s and get take out three or four times a week. I also love the adult mac-n-cheese at Main Event.

Motto/Inspirational quote: What I try to remember: Act justly, show mercy, walk humbly. What I tell myself daily: If it is to be, it is up to me. What I tell my kids: You have no choice in what you look like, how tall you are, or what brains you have, but you do have choice in whether you have character and act with integrity. Choose well.