

2021 Ones to Watch: Jennifer Ioli, Partner, Sherin and Lodgen LLP

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How do you contribute to your community or your profession? In addition to serving clients, I also serve on the board of directors of a local nonprofit: Girls on the Run Greater Boston, which inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun, experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. As a runner, I enjoy giving back and providing opportunities for young women to discover fitness and learn life lessons. In addition, I've fundraised extensively for traumatic injury research and veteran support organizations through participating in the Boston Marathon and its affiliated Tough Ruck race.

What advice can you offer to someone who is interested in a career in your industry? Once you've focused an interest on being a transactional attorney, seek out experiences and people whose jobs inspire you. Don't be afraid to ask for informational interviews or seek advice from those who came before you, and also remember to give back in the same way once you've become more established. In each opportunity you're given, try your best and practice being detail-oriented, well-prepared, a precise writer, a confident advocate, and a respectful person, as you'll need to be all of those things to succeed.

Who or what inspires you? My family inspires me. Through the example of my parents and grandparents, I've learned the value of hard work, dedication, strength of character, loyalty, optimism, and treating others with respect. My family encourages me to be myself, to remain true to my values and do consistent quality work. My fiancé also inspires me to put myself into challenging situations to expand my comfort zone, which is a key thing to do for both personal and career growth. Additionally, being outside and in motion inspires me to do better thinking.

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