



Nicki Cerasoli

Nicki Cerasoli is on the Board of Directors for the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Colorado and is a past member of the CBA Board of Governors.

PROFILE

Hometown:

Avery, Missouri

Law School:

University of Colorado

Lives in:

Englewood, Colorado

Works at:

Linden Law Partners, LLC

Practice Areas:

Mergers and Acquisitions, Emerging Companies, Venture Capital and Private Equity, Corporate Law

CBA Member Since:

2006-11, 2015 to present

What do you like the most about your practice area?

I enjoy the variety. I work with business owners and other stakeholders on a mix of mergers and acquisitions, financings, and commercial transactions, some straightforward and some very complex. We counsel founders and closely held businesses to large companies, executives, and more, across a variety of industries. It's satisfying to help such a diverse range of clients identify and carry out strategic solutions to their legal issues, and I get to learn something new about each business and its industry with each deal.

What is your favorite place to escape to in Colorado?

The mountains, of course! We enjoy exploring new places together as a family. In the city, my favorite places to escape to are the Denver Botanic Gardens and Sweet Cow Ice Cream.

What's the most random job you have ever had?

I have held many jobs (including hotel call center reservationist, Starbucks barista, and elementary school teacher), but the most random job was probably working as the coat check at a small theater in Philadelphia.

How do you find work/life balance?

I set boundaries, prioritize what's most important to me, and "don't sweat the small stuff," as they say. I've found that using time chunking has been effective, especially while working from home during the COVID-19 pandemic. Open and consistent communication both at home and at work is also crucial.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Raising my two children. I love my family and being a mom most of all.

What is your favorite thing to cook?

I traveled to my birthplace and met my sisters in Korea for the first time last fall, and am enjoying learning how to cook some Korean food. Although I am a beginner, it is easing my cravings for the delicious flavors of Korea.

When you aren't working, how do you like to spend your time?

I like to explore mountain trails, play cards and board games with my kids, garden, and try to read a book. As a working parent with young kids, I find it a challenge to finish an entire book.

What is an unconventional lesson you've learned about the practice of law?

I've learned that it's okay to take a nontraditional path in your legal career. I've also learned that we need to define for ourselves the meaning of "success" as a lawyer, which I believe makes fulfillment in the practice of law more attainable. It's a personal journey and I've been fortunate to have the support of like-minded people along the way.

Why are you a dues-paying member of the CBA?

I believe that we can accomplish so much more together. I value the programming, resources, and benefits the CBA offers to its members as well as the opportunities it provides for lawyers from across the state to be heard, engaged, and represented in matters of importance to the legal profession and our broader community. 

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