

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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Hometown

Hamden CT

Fun Fact

Cory Monteith said “Hey” to me on a movie studio lot not long before he passed away.

Describe your journey in the financial services industry and how your career has evolved to your current position.

I wanted to do corporate work, but when I showed up at the law firm, they said I was in the banking group! I never left. After 6 years in private practice, I moved to the government, where I have remained ever since doing regulatory and enforcement work.

Hobby(ies)?

Travel, Intellectually-rigorous television

How long have you been a member of WHF?

21 years

Please describe your involvement with WHF.

I have been a member of WHF since I moved to this area in 1999 and have volunteered with the organization in various capacities throughout that time. I have served as President-Elect, Vice President, and two consecutive two-year terms as Treasurer of the organization and look forward to continuing to serve as an officer of WHF. During my time as Treasurer, I prepared annual budgets and regularly ensured that the organization’s finances track the budget. Each month, I prepared monthly financial statements for the review of the full Board of Directors. I also provided membership tracking information. I worked with the auditors for four years to ensure the organization received an independent audit report as chairman of the audit committee, and each such report found no significant issues with the organization’s finances or controls. As Treasurer, I also served on the Executive Committee. In that role, I helped determine the overall direction of the organization. I helped with scheduling and planning major events such as the symposium, the regulators reception, the congressional reception, and the annual meeting. In addition, I am actively involved in selecting speakers and finding venues for our monthly public policy luncheons.

What have you gained from being a member?

I found out about the opportunity for my first government job from a woman I met at WHF (who went on to become president of WHF). I have met tons of people in my field and enjoyed getting to meet in person so many Washington figures, especially Alan Greenspan and Hank Paulson.

How do you make the best use of your day? (think techniques to enhance productivity, time management, time out, meditation/prayer, etc.)

Start early before others are at work calling, emailing, and stopping by.

What is the best advice you have ever received?

That the most important thing in the world to a parent is the health and happiness of their children, and so remember that every time you talk to and think about your own parents.