

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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Hometown

Pittsburgh PA

Fun Fact

I have driven a car legally at 265 km/hour (approximately 165 mph) (in Germany).

Employer and Position

Partner, Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

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

Ever since my introductory economics class at the university, I have been fascinated by banks and financial intermediation. I've studied both financial economics and the legal aspects of banking ever since and I have never been bored.

What do you love most about what you do?

I am interested both in the history of the financial system of our country as well financial innovation. Over my career, I've come to learn that they are often one in the same.

Hobby(ies)?

Travel, Rowing, Cars

How long have you been a member of WHF?

Since I left the OCC, at the beginning of 2018.

Please describe your involvement with WHF

I have always found WHF to be a fantastic group for dialogue in the industry and in the larger community. I am pleased now to participate as a featured speaker at events and host and attend monthly discussion lunches.

What have you gained from being a member?

I am proud to help continue the important mission of WHF in fostering a dialogue between different segments of the industry and people with different views and perspectives.

How do you make the best use of your day?

Often, it seems like my days and my schedule makes best use of me! It is never boring having school aged children at home as well as a Washington-based regulatory practice that intersects with the financial markets.

Who or what inspires you?

Every person, as a unique individual, inspires me in some way. Each person has something distinctive and special to offer and insight to give. And I want to hear and see what that is!

What is the best advice you have ever received?

My father taught me that each person, no matter what position, station, or job they may hold in life, should be viewed as an equal and be accordingly treated with the dignity and respect of an equal.

Who do you look up to the most and why?

Too many people to say!