

The Scoop

CMBA Member Q&A

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Firm/Company: CMBA
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Start Date: September 2008
College: John Carroll University

IF YOU WERE NOT ON CMBA STAFF, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR PROFESSION?

I love being creative! I would do something artistic like graphic design, fashion design, or interior design.

IF YOU COULD GO TO DINNER WITH A FAMOUS PERSON, LIVING OR DEAD, WHO WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

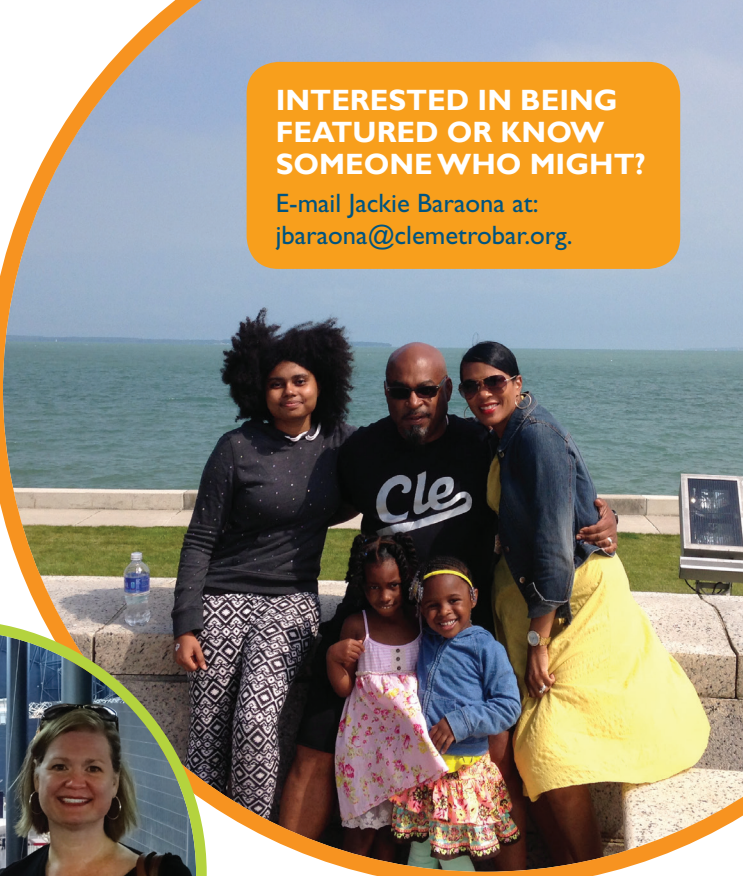
Audrey Hepburn. She had such style and class as an actress, woman, and humanitarian. I would love to hear how the struggles during her childhood shaped her into the legendary icon she is today. Also, my favorite movie is *Breakfast at Tiffany's*.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAMILY.

I recently got married to my best friend, Michael. I have one older sister and two amazing parents who I admire more and more everyday! I come from a large Italian family and couldn't be more proud of my heritage! All of our family gatherings are loud, and involve more food than anyone could ever eat in one sitting, but I wouldn't change it for the world.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES/CLUBS/ ORGANIZATIONS OUTSIDE OF WORK?

My husband and I really enjoy going down to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park on the weekends to walk the trails and grab lunch on an outside patio. I also enjoy reading, traveling to new places, and spending time with friends.



Adrian D. Thompson

Firm/Company: Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP
Title: Partner / Chief Diversity Officer
CMBA Join Date: 1991
Undergrad: Bowling Green State University
Law School: The Ohio State University College of Law

IF YOU WERE NOT PRACTICING LAW, WHAT WOULD YOUR PROFESSION BE?

Probably would have followed my father's footsteps and worked on the railroad.

MOST MEMORABLE CMBA MOMENT?

Working with Hugh McKay and many others on the creation and implementation of The 3Rs.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO A LAW STUDENT?

Take advantage of a new lawyer mentor program. Hone your written and oral communication skills. Also, our communities desperately need you and are relying on you to use the abilities that you've demonstrated over the last three years to make your mark on the world, by serving your communities, by bettering our legal community, and thereby enriching the lives of everyone that you touch.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR FIRST EVER JOB?

During the summers of my 8th grade and 9th grade years, I worked at the high school of my hometown as a custodial helper. Each work day, the assistant custodian at the building, Mr. David Tanner, would unlock the library doors and send me there to read a book that he had selected specifically for me. The first book that he selected was the *Autobiography of Malcolm X*. The last was the *Count of Monte Cristo*.

WHAT WOULD REALLY SURPRISE PEOPLE ABOUT YOU?

I am from Willard, Ohio and am an avid motorcycle rider.

Jennifer Stueber

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CMBA Join Date: 1996
Undergrad: The Ohio State University
Law School: Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

IF YOU WERE NOT PRACTICING LAW, WHAT WOULD YOUR PROFESSION BE?

Probably a party planner.

IF YOU HAD ONE SUPER POWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

Stretch (like Elastigirl in *The Incredibles* movie) so that I can try to be everywhere to get all of the things done that I want to do.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE A LAW STUDENT?

Stay focused on your long-term goals.

WHY DID YOU RENEW YOUR CMBA MEMBERSHIP?

To take advantage of CMBA's great CLE programming.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES/CLUBS/ ORGANIZATIONS OUTSIDE OF WORK?

As president of Project Learn (an adult literacy program), I'm working with the Board on a strategic plan to bring programming to more students. When I'm not at the Ohio Turnpike or working on adult literacy, I spend time with my boys who are both involved in various sports, but mostly hockey.

