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### Why investigations?

I was interested in investigations work when I joined Kirkland. Early in my career, I had the opportunity to work on a large US Department of Justice and Securities and Exchange Commission investigation. This allowed me to get great experience as a young associate and to work closely with a number of talented partners in the firm's government investigations group. I especially enjoyed the fact-development aspect of the investigation - figuring out what exactly happened through the documents and witness interviews. I have continued to work on investigations ever since then.

### Career highlight

Making partner at Kirkland has been the highlight of my career so far.

### Influences

I have had a lot of great influences throughout my career. During law school, I was a research assistant for Professor Michael Moreland at the Villanova University School of Law in Pennsylvania. He was a great mentor, and he encouraged me to pursue a clerkship at the US Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit with Judge Paul Kelly, who was another important role model to me.

I have been lucky to work with several outstanding lawyers in Kirkland's government investigations group, including Mark Filip, Brian Benczkowski and John Lausch. I have learned a lot from them over the years, including the importance of good judgement. Having good judgement is important in any investigation and it is a skill that they exhibit day in and day out.

### If you hadn't been a lawyer...

I would be a high school teacher and lacrosse coach. I taught at a Catholic elementary school for a year before law school and have coached youth and high school lacrosse programmes in various cities. These were all great experiences, and I think I would have enjoyed a career as a teacher if I hadn't gone to law school.

### A pivotal decision you've made...

I have made pivotal decisions in most investigations I have worked on. It's difficult to describe these decisions without revealing confidential information, but each time I have faced a pivotal decision in a matter, I have been lucky to be surrounded by great lawyers who have come up with well-reasoned strategies for moving forward.

### Advice to young lawyers

I tell young lawyers to work hard and treat every assignment with a high level of thoroughness and attention to detail. And to seek out good mentors who they can look up to and learn from.

### What's everyone talking about?

People are interested in how investigation priorities might change under US President Donald Trump.

### What's next in investigations?

Domestically, I think state attorneys general will continue to become more aggressive with their investigations to fill any gaps in enforcement that they see at the federal level. Internationally, I think investigators will face new and difficult challenges, including dealing with data privacy issues, as investigations continue to become more global.

### The most interesting place your job has taken

Mexico City. While I was there, I had the opportunity to visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

### Favourite meal

Cheese fondue in Zurich, Switzerland. The meal was delicious and I was able to enjoy it with my wife, who visited me while I was working abroad.