



RISING STAR

WEEKLY PROFILE OF
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Q: What do you do in your day job?

A: I've been an Assistant State Attorney for the past six years prosecuting those who commit all sorts of crime in our community. For the past couple of years, my focus has been on gang prosecutions and DUI/Traffic fatality cases. It's been a great job and I've loved every minute of it.

After six years, though, I've decided to venture out on my own and will be opening my own law firm, the Slavin Law Firm. I'm excited about that.

Q: What was your very first job?

A: When I was 14, my family was living in Ocean Township, New Jersey. Summer came and all my friends took jobs at the beach. I went to work in an industrial sign shop, driving a forklift. It was a dirty hot job and I realized pretty quickly that an inside office job with air conditioning was in my future.

Q: What are your favorite charities?

A: For the past 13 months, I have been wearing a grey "Sharing Hope" bracelet, as well as a grey lapel pin, in support of the American Brain Tumor Association. I began wearing these items when my mother was diagnosed with a stage-4 GBM brain tumor in May, 2007. It's the same tumor that Sen. Ted Kennedy has been diagnosed, and he is receiving the same treatment that my Mother received.

After a courageous battle with brain cancer, she passed away in March, 2008. I still have not removed the bracelet from my wrist. I doubt I ever will.

Q: What do you consider your greatest accomplishment?

A: I think my greatest accomplishment to date was standing before a large group of people (many of whom were family and friends) and giving a personal and heartfelt eulogy honoring the amazing life my mother lived.

Q: Where's the last place you went on vacation, and what did you do there?

A: My last true vacation was my honeymoon to Northern Italy and Switzerland. We enjoyed Italy's Lake Region, drove up to Lugano, Switzerland and then drove down to some spots on the Italian Riviera. Basically, we ate and drank our way through the area.

Q: If you gave the commencement address to this year's graduating class, what would you say?

A: I'd tell them not to take the job that pays the most money. If you're not happy with your work, no amount of money will change that. After all, it's all about being happy at the end of the day.

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