

New England Legal Awards Rising Stars **MASSACHUSETTS**

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What are the biggest challenges you have faced in becoming an attorney?

I did not face significant challenges in gaining admission to law school, nor did I struggle with resilience throughout my legal education and professional journey. The greatest challenge I encountered was qualifying to practice law in a foreign jurisdiction as a foreign-trained lawyer.

Unlike domestic graduates who follow a more familiar pathway to licensure, I had to navigate a different legal system, understand unfamiliar procedural and substantive laws and meet the rigorous requirements necessary for admission to the bar. The most demanding aspect of this process was preparing for and passing the bar examination, which required mastering a substantial body of law outside my original legal training.

Successfully passing the bar demonstrated not only my legal aptitude but also my ability to adapt to a new legal environment, bridge differences between jurisdictions and meet the professional standards required to practice law internationally.

Who or what has inspired you to stay on track and realize your goal of becoming a lawyer?

My interest in law was shaped by both my family background and my own aspirations. Growing up, I was fortunate to be surrounded by family members who worked in the legal profession, which gave me an early appreciation for the law and its impact on people's lives. At the same time, I was drawn to a career that would allow me to continue learning, think critically and develop my skills in reading and writing. Pursuing a career in law has been a rewarding opportunity to combine these interests while continuing to grow both personally and professionally.

What goals have you set for yourself in the years ahead?

In the years ahead, one of my primary goals is to serve as a role model for others who aspire to enter the legal profession, particularly those who may face unique challenges or nontraditional pathways. Having navigated my own journey, I hope to demonstrate that determination, hard work and adaptability can lead to success. I believe that success is not only measured by personal achievements but also by the positive impact we have on others.



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