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" Work with a mentor and emulate the best in them. Reject the worst. What is hateful to you, do not do to others.



Q: What is your current position and company?

A: Executive Director of the Jewish Federation and Foundation of Greater Toledo.

Q: What was your practice area at Shumaker?

A: I was a partner in the Toledo office where I focused my practice on Litigation, Trusts & Estates, and as General Counsel.

Q: What do you enjoy most about your career?

A: It has been an incredible journey of personal discovery and learning. I have always been challenged by new things, new ideas, personal improvement, and improving situations for others. In my new role at a non-profit, I am able to use over three decades of varied experience in the private and public sector to positively influence Jewish and non-Jewish life in northwest Ohio and around the world. Many days it is easy to be overcome by the enormity of the issues that we face, as Jews, as Americans, as citizens of the world, but I find strength in a Jewish Talmudic teaching that we are not obligated to finish the task at hand, but neither can we desist from it—that is how I approach every day.

Q: What is your favorite Shumaker memory?

A: Working side-by-side with my brother, Jim, for nearly 30 years.

Q: What advice would you give a new lawyer?

A: Find your passions, in the law or elsewhere, and pursue them with honesty and vigor.

Q: What news would you like to share about your personal or professional life?

A: I am nine months away from my last tuition payment to Northwestern University as our third son will finish our 11-year stretch at my alma mater. By next spring, my wife Cheryl, our three boys, and I will have seven degrees from Northwestern. On a serious note, I am living my best personal and professional life. Without my experiences and success at Shumaker, I would not be where I am today.