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#### What are some of your proudest recent achievements?

**I** am enormously proud of how our firm has overcome the obstacles presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Hotel + Hospitality Group and Real Estate Litigation practice, in particular, have been able to pivot and advise our clients on the challenges and myriad legal issues that they were unexpectedly facing.

#### Name a lawyer or mentor whose leadership inspired you.

Gideon Cashman has been an incredible mentor and source of guidance and wisdom over the last 20 years. He is of the greatest generation and in addition to being a brilliant attorney, he is blessed with the unique ability to cut to the heart of any matter on which you come to him for advice. He is the sage of Pryor Cashman.

#### How are the business and profession of law changing, and how should lawyers adapt for the future?

Every day the business of law has become more focused on providing business-minded advice to clients. Lawyers can no longer simply keep their head in the books—you have to provide guidance that clients will employ in their business practices. That is even more necessary



due to the effects of the pandemic on business operations. Lawyers must be nimble and able to adapt to their clients' needs at any given time, no matter the circumstances.

#### What is the best advice for someone considering a career in law, or someone already in the profession who is seeking to make a greater impact?

The great thing about practicing law is the variety. Any person can find an area of practice that suits their personal interests. And not only is there variety in the areas of concentration, but the wide array of employment meets all lifestyles. So my advice is: Find an area of law that is of personal interest to you and pursue it hard.