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Meet the Class of 2013

Writing about the Up & Coming winners of 2013 is exhausting. First of all, there are 48 of them. And I'm here to tell you, as one of the judges, that we could have honored 108 based purely on their merit. But we had to hold the line somewhere, and what you will find in this 20-page special section is a little insight into four dozen of the most accomplished young lawyers in the state.

And that's what's really so exhausting. Just reading the thick nomination packets about how much these winners are doing will make you want to sit down and take a break.

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YOUR GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT? Surrounding myself with fantastic people who support my efforts to create the life I want, both professionally and personally.

YOUR LEGAL HERO? Anyone who devotes some portion of their practice to serving members of society who are traditionally underrepresented.

YOUR FAVORITE U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE? Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

YOUR LEAST-FAVORITE CLASS IN LAW SCHOOL? Corporations. Despite the wonderful professor, it definitely confirmed for me that I was not meant to be a transactional lawyer.

YOUR GREATEST FEAR? Living an unexamined life. And crickets.

IF YOU HADN'T BECOME A LAWYER, WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE?

Archeologist. Machu Picchu is on my wish list.

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR YOUNG LAWYERS? Find good mentors and advocates, and then return the favor when you can.