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Industry: Law

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Company Headquarters Location: New York, NY

Your Location (if different from above): Washington, DC

Words you live by: Challenges are opportunities for growth: I have learned that challenges are not roadblocks but stepping stones on the path to success. They push us out of our comfort zones, forcing us to confront our fears and weaknesses. They compel us to adapt, to learn, and to grow. And it is through this growth that we become stronger, more resilient, and better equipped to handle future challenges.

Who is your personal hero? My grandmother is my personal hero, a beacon of resilience, strength, and positivity. Born during WWI, she faced hardships from an early age, yet she never allowed these circumstances to define her. Her spirit was further tested when her husband, my grandfather, was imprisoned as a political prisoner for his brave fight against Francisco Franco in Spain. Despite the emotional turmoil, she stood strong, her resolve unwavering.

What book(s) are you reading? My favorite book is *Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand.

What was your first job? My first legal job was as a prosecutor with the New York District Attorney's Office.

Favorite charity: I support a number of educational institutions.

Interests/Hobbies: Travel, cooking, skiing.

Family: Chad Sarchio (husband of 25 years), Evan Sarchio (21), Raquel Sarchio (18)



Resourcefulness: The Cornerstone of My Success

The success I have found as a partner at one of the world's top law firms is a testament to many things: consistent effort, dedication to a craft, tireless perseverance. However, if there is one trait that stands above the rest, it is resourcefulness – an ability woven into the fabric of my life since my childhood and that has proven crucial to my multilayered journey.

Growing up as the child of immigrant parents, I bore witness to the raw and resilient spirit of people who made the move from a country under the iron grip of a fascist dictator to a land of dreams and opportunities. The struggles my parents faced were manifold - negotiating a new culture and language, grappling with discrimination while striving to provide a better life for their family. Resourcefulness was not just an attribute, but a survival tool, and they turned to me for help.

From an early age, I found

myself advocating for my parents, a responsibility that first kindled my interest in law. I was their voice when they needed one, their bridge to a world they were still learning to navigate. The resourcefulness cultivated during these early years set the stage for my future career, teaching me the powerful alliance of empathy, understanding, and tenacity.

Resilience and resourcefulness were both instrumental as I set forth in my path as a lawyer. Climbing the professional ladder while handling matters for Fortune 100 companies, I leaned heavily on my resourcefulness as I tackled complex legal challenges, often navigating uncharted territories and crafting innovative solutions.

Yet, my professional trajectory is only one side of the story. As a wife of 25 years and a mother to two now college-aged children, I wielded my resourcefulness once more to find a delicate balance between my work and home life. Each

role demanded my presence, commitment, and time - turning each day into a tightrope walk between different responsibilities.

In parallel, my passion for advocating not only for my clients but also my community led me to the Hispanic National Bar Association. Soon to start my term as its President, I already understand that guiding the organization, addressing the needs of the Hispanic community and younger professionals in the field will also require a reservoir of resourcefulness.

In retrospect, every phase and facet of my life has called for resourcefulness, making it so much more than just a trait—it is a legacy handed down by my parents, a tool for trailblazing my path as a lawyer, a framework for building a fulfilling home life, and a compass in serving my community. It is the trait that, above all others, has led to my success.