

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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Hometown

Kansas City, Missouri

Describe your journey in the financial services industry and how your career has evolved to your current position.

During my first year of law school, on a lark I went to a talk about the 2008-2009 financial crisis and got totally hooked on financial regulation. While I was in law school, I interned at some of the financial regulators, and after I graduated, I went to Cleary Gottlieb, where I did bank regulatory and transactional work. I joined the Legal Regulatory Group at U.S. Bank in 2019. It's been fun and interesting to see the financial system from different angles, from my internships in law school to my current in-house role.

What do you love most about what you do?

I enjoy helping our business teams navigate the complex array of regulatory requirements that apply to the business of banking and working with them to develop practical solutions to issues that arise. And I'm fortunate to be able to do this while working with wonderful, supportive colleagues across U.S. Bank and particularly in the Legal Regulatory Group.

Hobbies

I enjoy working in my yard, and I've recently taken up drawing after taking an art class. I shouldn't quit my day job anytime soon, but it's fun to work a different part of my brain when I draw, and I enjoy experimenting with different media (and sometimes getting really dirty – charcoal has a way of getting everywhere!).

How long have you been a member of WHF?

I've just passed my four-year anniversary with WHF! I joined in 2019.

Please describe your involvement with WHF.

I've been a member of the programming committee since I joined WHF in 2019, and I've also been involved with the symposium and communications committees. I joined the board in 2021 and have served as WHF's treasurer for the past year.

What have you gained from being a member?

I've met so many great people through WHF, both WHF members and speakers I've coordinated with for WHF lunches and the annual symposium. I'm not a natural networker, and I appreciate how WHF has given me the opportunity to get to know people in the financial services industry organically through being involved with various committees.

How do you make the best use of your day?

I make lots of lists to help me stay organized and prioritize tasks during my day. I think the most important thing I do, though, is making time every day to get outside, whatever the weather and whatever else is going on, and to take a break from hunching over my laptop. It's good for my posture and reminds me that there is a whole world outside of whatever I have on my to do list for the day.