

# RISING STAR

WEEKLY PROFILE OF  
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**Q: What do you do in your day job?**

**A:** I'm a criminal defense attorney with my husband and law partner, Josh Sheridan, who practices family law and criminal defense as well.

**Q: What did you want to be when you grew up?**

**A:** I wanted to be a librarian so much! I used to transform the family den into a library. I would sit in that room for hours making bookmarks, library hours posters, and marking books with due dates!

**Q: What makes you a Rising Star?**

**A:** I am building a law practice in a very saturated market- you have to dream big and work hard to compete with all the lawyers here, and I plan to do that!

**Q: If you could choose any profession in the world what would you want to be?**

I really love what I do. I was a state prosecutor for four years and felt very connected to helping victims of crimes. In the beginning, it was difficult for me to imagine working on "the other side", but I have found that there is fundamentally no difference. It's really a simple matter of helping people, no matter which "side" they're on; protecting people's rights when they've been charged with a crime is just as critical as assisting victims. It's that legal challenge that makes this work so interesting everyday. It's also really gratifying to be able to help someone who may have wound up in a worse position had they not been able to have my experience and understanding of the system.

**Q: What's your favorite quote?**

**A:** "If you think you can, you can. If you think you can't, you're right!"

**Q: What are three things you want to do before you die?**

**A:** Visit exotic locales such as the Far East, learn Spanish fluently, and dance with the Rockettes. I've danced all my life as a hobby (including for the USF SunDolls and Tampa Bay Buccaneers Cheerleaders) but for most dancers, the Rockettes are the ultimate!

**Q: What's the best advice you've ever received?**

**A: Who told it to you? How have you applied it to your life?**

When I was 22 years old and met Malcolm Glazer for the first time. As we shook hands, he noted that my handshake wasn't portraying confidence and he asked me to shake his hand again more firmly and look him in the eye. It was a good lesson for me as a young woman: your handshake can say a lot about you and I didn't want mine to say I was some shrinking violet!

**Q: What do you want to be remembered for?**

**A:** I want to be remembered for always giving 100% to my work and my relationships, and spreading good karma whenever I can.

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