



Up & Coming Lawyers

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With a focus on family law and personal injury litigation, Marc A. Moccia also works in other areas of the law, including helping members of the public who have been victims of police brutality and other civil rights violations. To that end, Moccia has successfully handled multiple claims in U.S. District Court against a municipal police department.

Q. What's the most satisfying case or matter you've worked on so far?

A. A Section 1983/police brutality claim against a municipality and one of its officers. The officer, while on duty, sexually assaulted a young woman who was out celebrating her birthday. It was an outrageous betrayal of trust and abuse of power by the officer, who should have never been placed in a position of authority. I take great pride and pleasure in helping level the playing field for disadvantaged clients who are brave enough to go up against large entities or authority figures. And I believe representing the interests of those less fortunate is among the most important aspects of being an attorney.

Q. What is the best piece of professional advice you ever received?

A. Don't lose your cool; always stay calm and professional.

Q. Professionally, what keeps you up at night?

A. My clients put a huge amount of trust in me, and I never want them to feel like I let them down or otherwise failed to give them the best representation possible. Also, I never want to be unprepared in front of the court.

Q. Who is your professional role model?

A. I am lucky enough to work for my mother, Marsha Kazarosian. She is, in my unbiased opinion, the best lawyer in the state. She's naturally smart and talented, but she doesn't rely on those traits alone. She is still the first person in the office and the last one to leave. She sets an example of hard work, professionalism and leadership every single day.

Q. What advice would you offer new law school graduates?

A. Don't be afraid to veer from the path you have mapped out in your head.

Q. What's the biggest mistake you've made professionally?

A. Losing my cool!

Q. What's the toughest part of your job?

A. Managing personalities and emotions in my family law cases. Those cases can take a very tough emotional toll on an attorney.

Q. If you weren't a lawyer, what job would you have?

A. I would be the starting point guard for the Boston Celtics. Or, if I'm being realistic, I guess I'd be the backup. **MLW**



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