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CAREER PATH

What was your career path into Complex Commercial Litigation?

DAY IN THE LIFE

What is a day in the life of an attorney in complex commercial litigation?

LOVE/HATE

- What do you love about complex commercial litigation?
- What are some challenges you face?
TOP 3 SKILLS
What are the top 3 skills someone needs to practice in complex commercial litigation?

SURPRISE
What would people be surprised to know about practicing in complex commercial litigation?

ABA INVOLVEMENT
How has ABA involvement boosted your career?
Questions?

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