Learn more about Brandon Corl, fellow AWL Member



Brandon with his wife, 16th Circuit Deputy Probate Commissioner Jerri Zhang

Employer:
Holman Schiavone, LLC

Tell us about your job:
I represent plaintiffs in civil litigation; my primary focus is on mass torts/products liability cases. After a few years practicing primarily personal injury defense, my last two positions have been focused on representing plaintiffs in personal injury litigation.

What is most rewarding about your job?
Being able to stand up for our clients and trying to make right what they have experienced.

How do you maintain a work/life balance?
As everyone knows, it can be difficult at times, and it's always a challenge. In my free time, I try to enjoy the time I have with family and friends.

How long have you been a Member of the AWL?
Since 2016.

Do you serve on any Boards? If so, tell us about them.
From 2010-2018, I served on The Missouri Bar's Young Lawyers' Section Council, representing District 3 (Kansas City); in 2015-2016, I was the chair of the Council. I have also been co-chair and co-vice chair for the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association Young Lawyers' Section's Public Service Committee; in these positions, I helped to coordinate the organization's Law Week, an annual event that includes activities to increase public awareness of legal issues and the role of legal professionals within the community.

Best vacation you've been on?
I have been to China on several occasions with my wife, Jerri Zhang, who was born there and moved to the United States when she was a child. Each time has been an amazing experience. I also studied abroad in Cape Town, South Africa after my first year of law school – this was my first trip abroad and was incredible.

How do you define success?
Being proud of the work I've done in my practice and having a positive impact on the lives of our clients.

What accomplishment are you most proud of and why?
Graduating from law school and becoming a member of the Kansas City legal community. When I moved here after law school to clerk, I didn't know many people. Over the last 12 years, I've made many great friends and am proud to call Kansas City home.

What career lessons have you learned thus far?
Treat everyone with respect, no matter how small your interactions may be with someone; you don't know what others are going through at any given moment.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
For the last few months, spending time with our infant son has taken up nearly all of our spare time – and I try to enjoy every minute of it. Otherwise, I enjoy playing soccer and watching Mizzou sports.



Brandon with Jerri at a Sporting KC game.

If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?
A rocket salad with seared tuna from The Mixx!

What is one thing few people know about you?
I took Hindi language classes in college and I really enjoy learning a few words or phrases in many different languages.