



I graduated from law school in 2002 ready to take the legal world by storm, starting my career with two federal clerkships. Once I joined my first firm, it became readily apparent that women partner role models were few and far between.

Although women had achieved near parity among law school graduates, there seemed to be only one or two women partners in any given practice group. I quickly developed a two-year plan to stay for initial training and make the jump to greener pastures in-house that promised more of a future for a woman lawyer.

I didn't imagine I would make partner at a big law firm—let alone become managing partner of a leading firm's San Francisco office where the majority of partners are women.

Indeed, our office's women partners are among our firm's top revenue drivers, lead teams working on cutting-edge issues, and hold national firm leadership positions, including on our firm's management and executive committees and as practice group chairs.

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