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What is your new title? Managing partner of Henson & Efron PA, Minneapolis.

What are your duties? To provide strategic direction and leadership for the firm. To administer the firm's day-to-day operations and represent the firm in an official capacity when appropriate.

How long have you been with the firm? 22 years.

What's your educational background? Bachelor of Arts, Journalism, University of Minnesota; Juris Doctor, William Mitchell College of Law.

Did you choose this field or did the field choose you? A little of both. I worked for eight years with my father in the advertising/graphic arts business. During the last four of those eight years, I went to law school at night. Basically, I wanted to take my career to the next level and was deciding between getting an MBA or a law degree. I went with the law degree.

Describe a challenge and how you overcame it? I ended up going to law school at night, while working a full-time job with a wife, 2-year-old and 3-month-old at home. It was a challenge, but I just focused on the goal and took it one day at a time.

What's your best time-management tip? I'm a list keeper. I keep track of what projects are on-going and it helps me make sure I address things. I do my list on a notepad. It may appear full of scribbles, but it makes sense to me.

What is the oddest thing on your desk? I have a framed charcoal drawing of all of the winners of the St. Paul Open, which was the PGA stop here in Minnesota until about 1960. I also have a small stuffed lawyer bear, which was a law school graduation gift.

Whom do you admire and why? I'm going to score points with this one, but it's true. I admire my wife for her tremendous interpersonal/people skills. She teaches preschool and interacts beautifully with children and their parents. Then on a business level with me, she is able to engage with associates and clients as well.

If you could take Wednesday off, what would you do? I'd have to say play golf. My wife would say I should spend time with her. Unfortunately, we can't combine the two.