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Nicoal Sperrazza is currently serving as president of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Colorado and secretary of the CBA Litigation Section Council. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking international cuisine, spending time with her family, and snuggling with her pups.

PROFILE

Hometown:

Summit County, Colorado

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Practice Area(s):

Family Law and
Civil Litigation

CBA Member Since:

2011

Describe yourself in five words.

Passionate, dedicated, thoughtful, hardworking, and outgoing.

Why did you become a lawyer?

I wanted to help people, as opposed to feeling helpless. As a first-generation Korean American, I've experienced exclusion and racism to varying degrees. However, any experience that I've had firsthand is dwarfed by my mother's experiences as an immigrant. These fueled my desire to go into a field that would give me the tools and knowledge to help those in need.

What is your favorite memory from law school?

The people! I was fortunate to have a great law school experience. I met some of the most intelligent, witty, kind, and charismatic people. I'm lucky enough to call most of them friends today.

What do you like the most about your practice area?

Helping others. Practicing family law can be emotionally challenging and difficult, but being able to help my clients through a rough patch in their lives is incredibly rewarding.

What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Starting my own law practice while having a newborn baby. It was an incredibly tough situation, but it reminded me of my grit and tested my dedication to making the dream work.

What's the most random job you have ever had?

My first job when I turned 16 was working as a grocery store courtesy clerk—pulling in shopping carts, bagging groceries, cleaning bathrooms. It was as glamorous as it sounds. Especially pulling in those carts during the winter in Frisco.

Please share a positive experience you've had as a lawyer.

Having a mentor/partner tell me I was good enough. This profession is HARD and those first few years of practice are especially taxing. I didn't realize that I needed that validation until I received it.


Outside of the law, what are your hobbies?

I love to cook (laborious but delicious) foods and treats. There's almost nothing better than eating the fruits of your labor with a large glass of wine—except perhaps winning it big in court.

What is your favorite thing to cook?

I'm proud of mastering the art of French macarons! I've made lemon, pistachio, berry, Oreo, raspberry, and vanilla, all filled with homemade buttercreams and curds.

If you weren't a lawyer, you'd be?

Martha Stewart—party planner, hostess, crafter, and cook. 

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