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John McHugh is the 2018 president of the Colorado LGBT Bar Association.

PROFILE

Hometown: Cottonwood, Idaho

Law School: New York University

Lives in: Aurora

Works at: Reilly Pozner LLP

Practice Area(s): Business and Trust Litigation

CBA Member Since: 2011

Describe yourself in five words.

Passionate. Sarcastic. Dedicated. Curious. Honest.

What's the best advice you've ever been given?

"Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors." Google tells me it is an African proverb, but I received this advice from a fortune cookie I ate at my desk late at night very early in my career.

What is one of the most positive experiences you've had as a lawyer?

I had the incredible privilege to challenge Colorado's prior ban on marriage equality. Representing those brave clients and working with the most amazing, committed lawyers is a memory I will always cherish.

What do you like the most about your practice area?

Every case involves not only unique facts but also unique legal issues and areas of the law. I've learned an astounding amount about a wide variety of industries.

What's your biggest pet peeve?

"As you know" and "including but not limited to." The former because it's passive aggressive, and the latter because it's redundant.

Who is your favorite writer and why?

Flann O'Brien. I find his writing to be side-splittingly hilarious.

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

I spent a summer on the grounds-keeping crew of a Benedictine Monastery near my hometown.

If I had a dime for every time I heard (blank), I'd be a rich person.

"Let me get out of your hair—wait, you don't have hair!"

What is your favorite thing to cook?

Spaghetti carbonara—it's also the only thing I really know how to cook. 

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