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Her specialties are bankruptcy ethics, ethics in governance, law firm behavior, and the depiction of lawyers in popular culture. She is admitted to the bars of the states of California, Ohio, Nebraska, Texas, and Nevada and of the United States Supreme Court. In 2001, she was elected to membership in the American Law Institute, and in 2002, she received a Distinguished Alumna Award from Rice University. In 2017, she was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi (Chapter 100). In October 2017, she will receive the Commercial Law League of America's Lawrence P. King Award for Excellence in Bankruptcy. She is the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement (the Mob Museum). She is also a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and a Fellow of the American College of Bankruptcy. In 2009, the Association of Media and Entertainment Counsel presented her with the Public Service Counsel Award at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Counsel of the Year Awards.

She has also appeared in the Academy Award®-nominated movie, *Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room* (Magnolia Pictures 2005) (as herself). Being in the movie garnered her a listing in [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com), a fact of which she is probably unreasonably proud. In her spare time, she competes, pro-am, in American Rhythm and American Smooth ballroom dancing with her teacher, Sergei Shapoval. In 2014, she became the national champion in U.S. Open Pro/Am Rising Star American Smooth Competition B Division, and in 2016, she placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the Open to the World Pro/Am American Style 9-Dance Championship. The most interesting thing about her is that she is married to a former Marine Scout-Sniper. The best way to reach her is to call her on her cell phone.



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