She spurs me on to be better. You have someone watching you that brings out your best.

One of the best things I love about working with Shannon is trial support. When you know you have a very big issue that's financially or personally so valuable, it's going to be appeal no matter what, you can bring Shannon in before you need the appeal so she helps you at the trial level, having that second set of eyes and ears and brains right there with you in the courtroom. As a trial lawyer, you're not always thinking ahead to appellate, appellate, appellate. She always is, and she's really good at kicking you or nudging you and getting you to make sure you have the judge actually rule on his objection.

The fact that for me that she's so involved in the family law section gives her a heads up, which means speedier, quicker, more efficient for my clients for family law. She's very easy to talk to. She has a lot of common sense. She cares about people. A lot of people don't care what you know until they know you care. Even though Shannon knows so much and knows it all, especially for appellate, she's board certified in appellate practice ... There's this little rumor and joke about which board certification's the hardest and appellate is the hardest, and that's what she's board certified in. We know she knows her stuff, but she cares too. That's just like icing on the cake.