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What do you tell people who think you are too young to be an effective leader? I think the best way to address concerns of this type are to not pay too much attention to them and instead go about your career and life in the way that works for you. When I started my law firm with my same-aged law partners, we were concerned about being perceived as too young, but we just approached building a law firm the way that worked for us. If you're lucky, being "too young" is a problem time will fix. ... And I look forward to collecting plenty of valuable career experience along the way.

Where do you see yourself in five years? On a professional level, I'm very much looking forward to continuing to grow my law practice. I'd love to spend the next five years concentrating on that. I'm fortunate to have excellent help and support in my law partners, and look forward to continued investing in the law firm as well. On a personal level, I'm enjoying my young children and am very excited to watch who they will become in the next five – and more – years.

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up? Has your career path changed? And how does that apply to what you do now? I had no idea. I went to law school to delay entering the job market, which wasn't great when I graduated from college. It was one of the best decisions I've ever made, and I'm grateful every day for the opportunities its given me. My career has not followed the path I'd have guessed it would, to my very great surprise and enjoyment.

What would your personal theme song be and why? I don't know, but I can tell you that when I was a very baby lawyer, The Fray's "Over My Head" resonated very strongly with me.

What Hollywood celebrity would play you in a movie and why? I asked my assistant, and she said Natalie Portman because she's a very kind woman.