

Alumni Spotlight: Nicole Kibert Basler, Assistant General Counsel, Beazer Homes

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Update us on your current role. I am an assistant general counsel at Beazer Homes.

What did your time at Carlton Fields teach you? I learned how to be a lawyer at Carlton Fields, but more importantly a *well-rounded community-minded* lawyer. It also taught me the importance of making meaningful connections. I left Carlton Fields almost eight years ago, but I continue to have a strong relationship with the firm and my former colleagues and a deep appreciation for the firm's breadth of expertise.

Have you had a role model or mentor who reflected the values you espouse? I've been

fortunate to have many mentors throughout my career and at Carlton Fields. The most influential is [Rob Freedman](#). Rob truly embodies the professional values I strive to uphold as an attorney — service to the bar, to the legal profession, and to the community through pro bono work and other service, all while maintaining a busy practice and putting family first.

What keeps you motivated? I have a genuine sense of curiosity and commitment to sustainable development and creating communities that people love to live in. Every project is unique, and at the end of the day, there will be a beautiful energy-efficient community that the families living there are proud to call home.

What advice would you give to attorneys considering a career in your industry? Develop strong business acumen. Understanding how businesses operate is essential in any type of law practice. And a large part of doing business is building relationships. Real estate, in particular, is a very small world. You see a lot of the same people in different capacities, moving around to different companies, so always be professional and respectful.

What do you enjoy doing when you are not working? I am very passionate about photography and am a freelance photographer specializing in live music photography. I love the ability to capture momentary magic. I also enjoy traveling, competitive swimming (U.S. Masters Swimming), and exploring art and the outdoors with my family.

What image is the background on your computer or phone? My two kids in their Little Tikes cars.

If you could instantly become an expert in one skill, what would it be? I would love to learn to play the guitar, although my kids might say my singing could be better!

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