

Outside the Box: Wyley Proctor Says Domestic Violence Pro Bono Work Helps Victims, Lawyers

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IP and restraining orders, those seem like two very different areas of law. How does one translate to the other?

IP litigation, I find it to be extremely intellectual. Restraining orders and family law are much more human.

There's much more emotion involved, usually. The stakes are usually higher. That said, there are a lot of skills that transfer between them: Getting clients to tell you their stories, focusing clients on the facts they need to get across to the decision maker. If you can get those skills in a restraining order case, it's an incredibly valuable skill to learn, and it transfers really well to clients in my practice, for example, interviewing inventors.