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**One thing that you wish you had known in law school:**

*I feel that law schools are very well equipped to teach what the law is, how to apply it and legal theory. What is lacking is the very real and necessary skills in learning human development, psychology, philosophy, and how best to deal with the various emotional and practical problems that clients have. The ability to empathize, tell the client's story, invoke passion, energy, enthusiasm and all available senses into each legal argument is critical.*

**If you could have a superpower for one week:** *It would be to have a "magic button" that I could push that would simultaneously solve all of my clients' problems immediately. However, this button simply does not exist. Through the use of comprehensive journals and the like, we gain a better understanding as to why the problems have arisen, and why each of the parties acts the way they do. With this knowledge, it is akin to having the superpower of X-ray vision into the client, as well as the opposing side.*

**An experience that changed your life:** *The most significant, life-changing event was my diagnosis at age 14 with a condition I am the only person in the world to have. Benign tumors have disabled me at various stages of my life, the last of which was in 2005 when I was paralyzed when a tumor was pressing on my spinal cord. This condition has empowered me to live each day to the fullest and to impart this information to my family, friends and clients. It has allowed me to develop tenacity, perseverance and the ability to put all other minor problems in perspective.*



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**PAULA MUNAFÒ  
BORRADAILE**

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**One thing you wish  
you had known in**

**law school:** *The  
ability to negotiate is  
arguably a lawyer's  
most important skill.  
There should be  
more law-school  
classes teaching  
effective negotiation.*

**One of your  
personal heroes or**

**mentors:** *My mom.  
She is a wonderful  
example of a strong  
woman.*

**Something most  
clients might not  
know about you:**

*I have two cats,  
Baxter and Raffle.  
Baxter predates  
"Anchorman,"  
although it is a  
funny movie.*

**If you could have a  
superpower for one**

**week:** *I would like to  
have mind-reading  
capabilities; it would  
help me in my cases.*

**One TV show you  
simply cannot miss:**

*I do not have a  
weekly TV show, but  
"Law and Order" is  
my go-to rerun. I  
have always enjoyed  
detective genre TV  
shows. When I was  
younger, "Matlock"  
was my favorite.*

**I am at my best  
when \_\_\_\_\_:**

*I believe in what I  
am doing.*



# AWESOME ATTORNEYS 2012

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