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**Age:** 39

**Title:** Partner

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**Company location:** Hartford

**Residence:** South Glastonbury

**Career Highlights:** I enjoy a challenging, satisfying career as a national commercial litigation, corporate bankruptcy and creditors' rights attorney at Shipman & Goodwin in Hartford. I've been privileged to chair my firm's corporate trust practice group, and to work alongside truly brilliant deal and default lawyers who are the finest in the industry. I have represented clients in some of the largest, most complex Chapter 11 cases in the country, helping creditors, including bondholders, recover on defaulted investments in restructurings, liquidations and workouts. I've been involved in cases in Connecticut, New York, Delaware and throughout the country. My practice includes the representation of banks in their role as trustee, as fiduciaries for public and private debt, in connection with defaulted secured and unsecured financings and leveraged leases.

**Community Involvement:** Shipman & Goodwin holds community service in the highest regard, as do I. I have treasured the opportunity to engage in the community, whether it's serving on the board of The Cove Center for Grieving Children, mentoring, or coaching my daughter's soccer team. My experience with the

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Cove has been extraordinary, giving me first hand experience with amazing volunteers dedicating their time and skills to help children who have lost a loved one through the most difficult times in their lives.



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Views of Hartford's skyline can be viewed from the Connecticut Science Center's 150-foot atrium, where Katie LaManna, Mathew Jasinski and Shalu Arora (left to right) are photographed.

**Musical Inspiration:** Besides listening to my daughter on guitar or my son on drums, I'm a big Springsteen fan. His music can brighten the most dreary of days and provide energy to deal with even the most contentious of cases.

**Person you most admire and why:** My dad always taught me by example that hard work breeds success, and that he/she who tries the hardest usually wins and always holds their head

the highest. He raised me never to think that gender could be an issue in my career choices, and to never let those who saw it differently stand in my way. My dad, whose parents came from Ireland to Brooklyn, New York, worked hard from the ground up and is currently President and CEO of Fortune Plastics in Old Saybrook. He has persevered through difficult times, has a successful career to show for it, and has always been an inspiration. ■