



Melissa Murdock

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financial security, having the respect of those around me, and being recognized as knowledgeable by my peers. Mostly though, true success comes from being able to do what I love while having time to enjoy the little things in life.

SM: How has your past experience prepared you for success as an entrepreneur?

MM: Knowing my competition and everything about my field gave me the confidence to step out on my own. I had gone as far as I could go working for others. The future was in opening my own company.

SM: Where did you meet your partner Amy Calabrese?

MM: Amy and I met while working at another law firm. We quickly hit it off and realized that by combining our resources and contacts we had the potential of reaching financial security

far sooner than if we were to continue working for another employer.

SM: What services do you offer?

MM: Title insurance, escrow and settlement services, and property research for residential and commercial properties throughout New York State.

SM: What can a client expect from their experience at Saratoga Abstract, LLC?

MM: Professional, courteous, and timely service. We are never out of reach and have a wide network of professional support staff that we can utilize as necessary.

SM: What is your hope for the future of your business?

MM: Continued success and growth so we can expand both companies and eventually open offices in other communities.

Success Magazine: Melissa, why did you choose a career in law?

Melissa Murdock: I knew it would provide me with diverse career options as well as a challenge. The law is intellectually stimulating as it is constantly changing.

SM: What does success mean to you?

MM: Success means many things—



Amy Calabrese

Calabrese Law, PLLC

contacts in the field of law during my time at Albany Law. I knew the Capital Region had the resources I needed to pursue my career and I felt my skills could benefit people in the area.

SM: What specific area of law do you specialize in?

AC: Our primary focus is on real estate law. We offer services in residential and commercial real estate as well as title services.

SM: What inspires you most about your daily work?

AC: The ability to help others close on the home of their dreams and the satisfaction that comes with our clients' gratitude for our help in what can sometimes be a difficult process.

SM: What is the biggest challenge you have faced in the practice of law?

AC: The most difficult challenge I have faced was the decision to open my own practice.

Leaving the security of a firm and learning how to balance my career and my personal life in a profession with long hours can be very challenging.

SM: Who has been your mentor or role model throughout your career?

AC: I have had many professors and past employers who have influenced and encouraged me, but my biggest support has been from my parents. They taught me the value of hard work and have always supported my career. They made great sacrifices so I could pursue a legal career, and encouraged me to never give up on my goals.

SM: What personal characteristic most defines who you are?

AC: Ambitious. I am always looking for ways to improve my services so I can grow in my career and expand my business so my clients can have the satisfying experience they deserve from transactions with our company.

Success Magazine: Where did you go to law school?

Amy Calabrese: I attended Pace Law School in Westchester, New York my first year and transferred to Albany Law School my second year, which is where I graduated from.

SM: Why did you decide to remain in this region?

AC: I met a lot of great individuals and