

Elizabeth Benjamin

Name: Elizabeth Benjamin
Current residence: Altoona
Hometown: Altoona
Age: 27

Family: husband Adam Lardieri, parents Harry and Patty Benjamin, grandparents John and Nancy Mascitelli and Paula Benjamin, siblings Nicholas, Jennifer and Emily Benjamin.

Place of employment: Andrews & Beard Law Offices

Job title: Associate attorney

Education: Bucknell University with a bachelor's degree in sociology and education; juris doctorate from University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

My business role models: My father, Harry K. Benjamin, and late grandfather, David J. Benjamin, David Andrews and Carl Beard, Diana Morris, Amy Seltzer

My life role model: My fiercely loving mother, Patty Benjamin

The best thing about my job is: Our firm's work with clients comprised of local businesses, municipalities and school districts has helped me build a sense of connection and collaboration with the greater community here in Blair County and central Pennsylvania.

What I like to do most on my days off: Spend time with family and friends, travel, skiing, reading

Organizations I've tried to help support: Allegheny Ballet Company (Board of Directors), Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art, AAHS Mock Trial Team (attorney-coach), Greater Altoona Jewish Federation, Growth and Relationships of Young Professionals (GRYP)

What I'm doing to help make Blair County/central PA a better place to live and work: In addition to my work with local employers and school districts, I particularly try to support the community's arts and social and cultural events, which help to create the face of this area.

Why I like living in Blair County/central PA: I truly enjoyed growing up here, and I believe you can get the best of both worlds with the size of this community and also its location, where travel and exploration of other great places is often only a few hours away.

My favorite quote: "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." — *Ralph Waldo Emerson*



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