

## APRIL 2021 MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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**Tell us about your firm or business including history, specialization, and years in business.**

Attorneys at Oscislawski has just completed its 11th successful year of "Connecting Healthcare with Legal Excellence." Our attorneys focus on finding solutions to legal issues that arise with the use of evolving healthcare technology. In particular we have gained a national reputation for our depth of legal experience with arrangements involving networked storage, access and sharing electronic medical data, and the privacy issues that flow from such activity.

**What's an interesting fact about you or your firm that most people don't know?**

Interesting story that people may not know about me: I am a first generation born here in the U.S. My father fled a communist occupied country in the middle of the night when Soviets came to execute his entire family after my grandfather "deserted" the Soviet army because he refused to partake in the execution of innocents. They left in the middle of the night literally in a horse and wagon, and eventually made it to a refugee camp in Austria before making their way to the U.S. through Ellis Island. My mother also fled a communist occupied country, but she did so by being sold as a "bride" to the highest bidder in the U.S. My parents barely knew any English and struggled to make it. My mother never finished high school. However, they both persevered through hard work and with help from communities that supported them. I am forever indebted to my parents for their unrelenting devotion and love that allowed me to find my own path to succeed in life -- which saw my fair share of struggle, sacrifice, and many failures along the way. In part because he experienced a lot of negative work environments, which he believes were in large part due to his foreign accent and English being his second language, my father repeatedly encouraged me to "hang my own shingle" and "be my own boss." I am glad I listened to him because there is nothing more fulfilling than deciding your own destiny and creating a fair and generous work-environment for those who work with you.

**What's a favorite moment of your career so far?**

Bringing on an associate in my first year who has stayed with me all 11 years and is now my partner. I loved helping her (and especially watching her) develop from a highly intelligent but "green" attorney into to an incredibly confident, effective, and respected legal advisor to our clients.

**What challenge are you most proud of overcoming?**

One challenge that I am most proud of overcoming is being able to successfully keep my practice based out of NJ going (with the invaluable support from my law partner who hung in there with me during that crazy time) even after having to relocate to Arizona unexpectedly temporarily in 2013. It required me to fly back to NJ monthly and stay there for extended periods of a time, all while my husband and kids were in AZ. Eventually, the temporary situation became a permanent situation. I am now admitted in Arizona (as of 2020), and we are continuing to build Attorneys at Oscislawski LLC as a nationally recognized leader in our field.

**Tell us about a recent professional accomplishment of yours?**

Being selected to the Super Lawyers list in 2021 and 2020.

**Tell us about a recent personal accomplishment of yours?**

Raising two incredible and successful boys -- Adam (20) and Paul (15) who are such loving (and funny as heck!) humans, and the hardest workers I've ever met! They inspire me to be my best every day!

**What advice would you offer new business owners?**

Don't listen to ANYONE who tells you shouldn't or can't. I left "big law" in the year that I was likely to be made partner. I was told by my office managing partner at that time that I was "making the biggest mistake of my career." The year after I left and formed Attorneys at Oscislawski LLC, I doubled my take home salary -- and I've never once looked back. If you want to do it, you CAN -- no matter who you are or where you come from.

**How can you help other Women Owned Law members improve their businesses?**

Supporting them by listening, sharing information, and providing them with opportunities for growth.

**How has Women Owned Law been of value to you and your career?**

It's been amazing discovering all of the successful women who are a part of WOL and listening to them share their unique success stories! It is inspirational and motivational for me and makes me want to do even more to help other young women out there to find a place to nourish their seeds of leadership and an entrepreneurial spirit.

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### **About Women Owned Law**

Women Owned Law is a ground-breaking group created to connect and advance women legal entrepreneurs. WOL supports its members and other women entrepreneurs in the law in their business endeavors at every point in the business lifecycle. We advocate on behalf of women legal entrepreneurs and have been instrumental in raising the profile of women entrepreneurs in the law.

For additional information about Women Owned Law visit [www.womenownedlaw.org](http://www.womenownedlaw.org)