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For me, being a Philadelphia Lawyer will always mean returning to my first baby steps as a young lawyer at Drinker Biddle & Reath (now Faegre Drinker). What did they teach us back in the 20th century about becoming a Philadelphia lawyer?

That we should focus first and foremost on becoming excellent lawyers; the clients and rain-making would follow.

That we should work hard, research deeply, and find the best authorities and arguments for our cases.

That we should behave civilly and ethically with our adversaries and clients at all times, no exceptions and no excuses.

That we should have a life outside the law, and give back to our communities.

That we should remember our Quaker heritage in Pennsylvania -- including values of integrity, humility, and equality -- and role models like Henry Sawyer and Henry Drinker.

And that we should always show the utmost respect to judges, the court system and our nations' laws, even – and especially – when we disagreed with them.

Surely, there was much more, but these lessons I remember well. And they continue to inspire me.

Thank you, Philadelphia and Drinker Biddle & Reath!