

## Day in the Life: Danielle Ducre Rawls

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**6:00 am**

The alarm clock wakes me up (sometimes I snooze for 15 minutes); check email on phone for anything pressing and then the temperature to **see if Minnesota has reached subartic tempatures yet.**

**7:00 am**

**Wake up my three-year-old and get him ready for preschool.** Depending on the morning (whether something gets caught up his nose, whether he goes to timeout two times, whether he attempts to slide down the stairs in a laundry basket, etc.) I may need to adjust the morning schedule. I get myself ready as I check emails again for anything important.

**8:00 am**

**Say goodbye to my husband,** leave for work, drop my son off at daycare, and head into the office.

**9:00 am**

Arrive at work where I get a status update from colleagues. I **meet with paralegals and admins to discuss any urgent issues.** Finish preparing for a 10 am meeting.

**10:00 am**

**The senior vice president and I discuss pressing issues related to a litigation trend** in his business unit. I provide litigation updates and give recommendations. We schedule follow-up calls to

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ensure the issue is addressed.

**11:00 am**

I call outside counsel to discuss litigation cases. **We review briefs and pleadings and discuss the validity and merit of claims and causes of action**, then evaluate claims for settlement.

**12:00 pm**

**Eat lunch at my desk** while I log into the daycare's website to check on my son's day. Three days a week, I fit in a yoga or step class. Today is yoga.

**1:00 pm**

**Conference call with the ACC Litigation Committee's** publications subcommittee to discuss the In-house Access blog and blog schedule, followed by a call with the Leadership Council on legal diversity staff regarding an upcoming conference.

**2:00 pm**

**I print out an upcoming summary judgment brief** that will be filed later this week, review case law, and make comments. I also review and draft discovery responses, update new files, and evaluate whether the cases are candidates for early case resolution.

**3:00 pm**

**I work with a witness to prepare her for an upcoming deposition.** After that, I call outside counsel to update them on the deposition prep and other litigation issues.

**3:30 pm**

**Conference call with business clients** regarding issues needing legal advice.

**4:00 pm**

**Discuss settlement authority** with the company's general counsel.

**5:00 pm**

Call with stakeholders regarding deal documents and **potential litigation pitfalls**.

**6:00 pm**

Pick up son from daycare. While driving home, **I call out-of-state family members and friends**.

**7:00 pm**

Dinner with husband and son. Tonight is spaghetti. **This week my son apparently hates spaghetti**. After dinner, I try to knock out some chores like laundry then play with my son.

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**8:00 pm**

Bedtime for the little one, then **prepare for the next day**.

**9:00 pm**

Sign back in to **finish reviewing summary judgment motion** that is due later this week. Provide feedback and comments, then I review invoices.

**10:30 pm**

**Unwind by reading Stephen King's *Dark Tower*** series or binge watching "House of Cards," a political drama series shown on Netflix.

**11:00 pm**

**Goodnight!**

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