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Dawn Coppock practices primarily in the area of adoption law in Strawberry Plains, Tennessee.

UT or Vandy or Memphis? UT, but only after Georgia Tech. Buzzzzz

Nashville Hot Chicken or Memphis BBQ? Prince's Hot Chicken. The mild makes my lips peel, but I'm addicted.

What's the most recent album you purchased? Mike Farris. Silver and Stone

What color is your light saber? Green

If you could trade places with anyone, who would it be? Nobody!

Where's your favorite vacation spot? Edisto Beach, South Carolina

What's your favorite go-to recipe? Mini tomato pies

Where do you find meaning of law practice? Too often lawyers lose the wonder of people bringing us their hurts, mistakes and dreams. We are elbow-deep in human frailty and fear, not to mention most vices and the highest human hopes. Sometimes people need a warrior. I am proud when lawyers play that critical role well. But when I'm the justice warrior, I'm terminating parental rights, which feels more like innocent vs. sadly messed up and downtrodden, rather than good vs. evil.

I love my work most when I can find resolution, not only of the legal problem, but of the bigger problem that either caused or came from the legal problem, a solution that will "make people whole" not just in the technical legal sense but in a human sense. The aggrieved are avenged and the "bad actor" has not only appropriate consequences but also the dignity of a fresh start that a just resolution can offer. After those cases, I love my work.

Name a bucket list item for 2019. To have an all night "drink and sing" with writing buddies like I did in my early poetry writing days. Seriously, I'm making plans and no, I'm not a good singer.

Anything else, you'd like to share? Lawyers are interesting and interested people, plus we have great stories. I feel lucky to be in this club.



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