

Ariel Smolinski grew in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. Her family spent the summer at the beach. Growing up, she was an avid horseback rider and she had her own horse. Ariel began cheerleading and dance when she was 4 years old and continued through college. Her entire family still lives in New England and she misses them greatly, especially during the summer.

From an early age Ariel knew that she wanted to be an attorney. She studied political science and had a prelaw track in college. In 2011 a mentor encouraged her to not go to law school because the market had become saturated with lawyers. She decided to pursue an MBA instead and worked in nonprofit development for the Jewish community during grad school. When her husband got a job with Apple, she didn't know what she wanted to do so he encouraged her to take some time to figure it out. Ariel worked for Tiffany while she "figured it out" and fell in love with it! During her time at Tiffany, she worked in sales and sales operations. It was honestly one of the best jobs in the world because she got to play with diamonds every day.

After moving to California and while working for Tiffany, she was recruited by Louis Vuitton. This past summer she realized that she still had a passion for the legal profession and that she wanted to become a paralegal. Ariel began looking for an entry level position in a law firm in order to gain experience. She signed with Robert Half Legal who placed her with her current firm. Her new firm ended up being a great fit!

Ariel is insanely competitive, especially with herself (she thinks it's probably a runner's thing). She's also extremely determined and passionate. If she wants something or believes in something, she'll make it happen.

Every day is a different day. She loves connecting with clients and learning more about what is important to them as they plan for their families' futures. Like any other job, some days are easier than others. Every day is a learning experience!

Starting a new career can be challenging. SCCoLPA has been a great resource for Ariel. She has truly enjoyed getting to know her fellow members and she looks forward to being more active in the future!

In her spare time, she loves attending Orange Theory classes, running, and spending time with her husband and puppy.