

# The Mostly Legal Podcast: Episode 10 “Young and in Charge”

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What’s the difference between passion and perseverance? Passion only takes you so far and perseverance takes you the rest of the way. Take Jenna Carter (Director of Administration for K&L Gates, LLP, Washington, D.C.) and Chassidy Deckard (Director of Administration for the Texas region of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, LLP) for example. Their perseverance has gotten them to where they are today and through the adversity of a high-pressure job, to overcoming the obstacles and blazing their own trail, these two powerhouse women show us what it looks like when the rubber truly meets the road.

## About the Guests

### Jenna Carter

Director of Administration for K&L Gates, LLP, Washington, D.C.

Jenna Carter currently serves on the Association of Legal Administrator’s Board of Directors, where she has also assumed the role of Association Treasurer. She is also a Past President of the Association of Legal Administrator’s Capital Chapter. She works as the Director of Administration for K&L Gates’ Washington, D.C., office. Carter earned her bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and her master’s degree in accounting from Strayer University in Washington, D.C.

### Chassidy Deckard

Director of Administration, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman

Chassidy Deckard is the Director of Administration for the Texas region of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman. She has built her career focusing on law firm management by being a trusted advisor and providing innovative strategies for the ongoing administration of law offices. She is passionate about creating talent pipelines for diverse individuals interested in the legal field.

Chassidy received her bachelor’s degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders from The University of Texas and her master’s degree in Occupational, Workforce, and Leadership Studies from Texas State University. She also received her SHRM-CP certification in 2018.

She currently serves as the 2021 President of the Houston Association of Legal Recruiting Administrator. She also is an active member and volunteer of the Association of Legal Administrators (ALA). In ALA she currently is a member of the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility Committee and serves as the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the Houston chapter.

Chassidy enjoys traveling and being introduced to different food and cultures across the world.

## Episode Resources

General Resources:

- [ALA](#)

Jenna’s Resources:

- [K&L Gates, LLP.](#)
- [ALA, Capital Chapter](#)

Pitch Your Passion:

- [Generation Hope](#)

Chassidy’s Resources:

- [Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman, LLP](#)
- [The Houston Association of Legal Recruitment Administrators \(“HALRA”\)](#)



