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From the Front Desk to COO and Finding Passion Along the Way

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Elyssa Goldstein was the perfect guest to re-introduce our podcast and kick off our fourth season! In this episode, Elyssa describes with enthusiasm and authenticity how she has created her career path so far, starting at the front desk and working her way up to Chief Operating Officer. Along the way, she found her passion for legal management, built her leadership skills through the Association of Legal Administrators (ALA), and even managed to keep her love of music and sports alive. Elyssa, Amanda and Rob cover everything from career growth and advocating for yourself, to why working at a law firm doesn't have to be temporary gig, and why getting involved in ALA can literally change your career.

About the Guest

Elyssa A. Goldstein

Elyssa A. Goldstein, CLM, PHR, SHRM-CP is the Chief Operating Officer of Rebenack, Aronow & Mascolo, LLP. She began her career in legal in 2009 as a receptionist and transitioned to legal management in 2013.

Elyssa previously served as Co-Chair of the New Jersey State Bar Association's Law Office Management Committee, as well as on its Pandemic Task Force – Law Firm Opening and Operations Committee. She served on the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators for eight years, including one year as President.

At the international Association of Legal Administrators level, Elyssa has served as Chair of the Membership Development Committee, as well as on the Certification Committee and 2021 Annual

Conference & Expo Planning Committee. She is currently serving on the Board of Directors and will assume the role of President in April 2026.

In her free time, Elyssa volunteers with the New Jersey Law and Education Empowerment Project, working with middle and high school students on resumes, cover letters, scholarship essays and mock interviews. She holds a B.A. degree in music from Hofstra University.

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