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Sherry Harlan Profiled in the Rockford Register Star: "75 People You Should Know in Rockford"

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Hinshaw attorney Sherry Harlan—a Rockford-based partner practicing in the areas of commercial transaction and real estate at Hinshaw for 30 years—was recently profiled by *Rockford Register Star* in an article titled "75 People You Should Know: Rockford attorney, volunteer strives for common ground."

The profile charts Sherry's personal journey in finding her niche in the practice of law, her work to help others find common ground, as well as her volunteer efforts in the city of Rockford, Illinois.

Sherry describes herself as more of a "mediator personality" who enjoys building consensus and advocating throughout the mediation process. She credits Hinshaw for the flexibility and support she received as a working mother of young children. She also describes how her father inspired her to become a lawyer.

Throughout her career, Sherry has taken a multi-faceted approach to life, including by giving back to her community. She currently serves with both Transform Rockford and the 815 Choose Civility group, as well as several boards and community organizations. "I like the diversity of our people here in Rockford," Sherry said. "I like the variety of opinions that diversity brings and I think we are in the process of growing a city that is really on the rise."

The *Rockford Register* profile concludes with Harlan sharing her life motto—the golden rule. "Do unto others as you want them to do unto you," she said. "It really guides me and allows me a filter before I say and do things. There's a place for that in law too – being aware of both sides. I don't have blinders on, but I'm an optimist and I try to see the good. I hope that outlook allows me to positively impact others."

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