

Leadership With Mark Kellogg

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We are nearing the end of our leadership journey. And, up to this point, we have learned that leadership begins with a community. From there, we are able to hone our work ethic, efficiency and communication skills to best equip ourselves and those we are leading to accomplish great things.

Lastly, we turn to Mark Kellogg of Fraser, Trebilcock, Davis, & Dunlap, P.C. in Lansing to learn that leadership requires true passion and boundless energy. Kellogg states that the legal profession is greatly changing. It is becoming more specialized and the law more complicated. But, attorneys can still create opportunity for themselves if they work hard enough.

Future attorneys and leaders can create those opportunities starting now, while we are still in law school. Mark advises each of us to get involved with our schools and communities now. This way we are not waiting for our schooling to end to begin the work of leading our communities.

A legal education is one of the best you can get for learning the leadership skills necessary to become a successful professional and communicator. Mark knows this kind of discipline will open doors for you, if you are *there* to open the door. Take your legal education and apply it to every area of your life. This takes effort; it takes energy; it takes a push for yourself to do well.

Mark states that though our education sets us apart, it is those who have passion and speak with passion that are able to become effective leaders. He emphasizes the work it takes to gain and develop clientele relationships. Use and cultivate these in effort to give the best legal advice, help our communities and grow our businesses. Do not underestimate the challenge this will be - it is one of the biggest challenges Mark Kellogg has ever faced. But, instead of running from such a challenge, run to it, embrace it. Open the door for yourself.

The legal profession is a challenging one in general. As we have seen over the course of this entire series, it is ever changing and requires those who want success to work for it. True leaders can become effective attorneys.

Leadership must be fought for; it is not the path of least resistance, but it is the only path that makes a difference. Work hard; work efficiently; communicate effectively. And, we can lead our communities into a bright future.