



Monique M. Fuentes

Partner

What is your most rewarding career accomplishment? My most rewarding career accomplishment thus far has been making partner at Troutman Sanders. It took many years of hard work and long hours, but it was well worth it.

What's the worst mistake a leader can make? The worst mistake a leader can make is failing to delegate. When a leader takes an entire project or task upon himself/herself, the project usually suffers due to mistakes that could have been avoided if some responsibility had been delegated.

What was the best advice you ever received? The best advice I ever received was when I was an associate in my law firm. I made a mistake on a project and felt terrible. A partner told me that we learn from mistakes and that most mistakes can be fixed. After 12 years of practicing law, his advice has proven to be true. **PDJ**

EDUCATION: BS, California Polytechnic University, Pomona; JD, University of Southern California

WHAT I'M READING:
Love In The Time of Cholera,
by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

MY PHILOSOPHY:
Do not judge until you have walked in someone else's shoes.

INTERESTS:
Travel, snow skiing, baking, spending time with my family

COMPANY: Troutman Sanders LLP
WEBSITE: www.troutmansanders.com
PRIMARY BUSINESS: Legal

HEADQUARTERS: Atlanta, Georgia
EMPLOYEES: 1,300

Antonio P. Linares

Regional Vice President and Medical Director

What is your most rewarding career accomplishment? I served in the Public Health Service as a family doctor and cared for a large underserved Latino community in San Diego. I helped develop diabetes screening programs, which revealed a tremendous unmet need for diabetes prevention within the community.

What are some personal and/or professional sacrifices to being leader? Great leaders need to be selfless and give more than they expect in return. Leaders must filter competing demands and still try to maintain a healthy work-life balance.

What was the defining moment in your life in which you understood your leadership? When I graduated from college, the school awarded me its highest honor, The Pilgrim Medal, for outstanding leadership in academics, community service to disabled children and advanced research in molecular biology. Being recognized among my peers inspired me to reflect more deeply on my calling. **PDJ**

COMPANY: WellPoint, Inc.
WEBSITE: www.wellpoint.com
PRIMARY BUSINESS: Health Benefits

HEADQUARTERS: Indianapolis, Indiana
EMPLOYEES: Approximately 37,000



EDUCATION: BS, The Defiance College; MD, Case Western Reserve School of Medicine, and University of California, Davis Family Practice Residency

WHAT I'M READING:
Connected: Nicholas A. Christakis and James H. Fowler

MY PHILOSOPHY: Maintaining a balanced approach to life, including family, regular exercise and harmony with nature, will promote happiness and longevity.

INTERESTS: Gardening, walking, jogging and the study of Native American art