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Moshe Spinowitz, with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.

What inspired you to become a lawyer, and what keeps you inspired?

From an early age, I was drawn to the challenge of debating complex issues and delving deeply into texts. As a tax lawyer, I am fortunate to engage daily with intricate rules and evolving policies, which demand both rigorous analysis and creative problem-solving. The ever-changing landscape of tax law ensures that I am constantly learning and growing. Most rewarding of all is the opportunity to work closely with clients on matters that are critical to their businesses and futures—a responsibility I view as both a privilege and a source of ongoing inspiration.

Please describe work on a recent case or issue that has made you proud.

Recently, I had the privilege of helping a client navigate a particularly challenging tax matter involving several complex technical issues. The matter required not only deep technical analysis but also close collaboration with the client, strategic advocacy and careful negotiation. Working as part of a dedicated team, we were able to achieve a successful outcome that had a meaningful impact on the

client's business. Seeing the tangible benefits of our efforts for the client was especially gratifying and reinforced the value of combining technical expertise with a client-focused approach.

What qualities should a lawyer possess to become a successful and effective leader?

A successful and effective leader in the legal profession should possess several key qualities. First, the willingness to listen—to colleagues, mentors and clients—is essential. Listening fosters understanding, growth and the ability to meet the needs of those you lead and advise. Second, clear and thoughtful communication is critical for articulating goals, priorities and perspectives. Third, a commitment to hard work and the pursuit of excellence sets the standard for others and drives results. Finally, humility and gratitude—recognizing the contributions of others and being open to new ideas—are vital for building strong, collaborative teams. These qualities, taken together, help create an environment where everyone can thrive and where clients receive the best possible counsel.