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Name: Chris Ciotti

Mac or PC? PC

LP, CD, or IPOD? IPOD

What was your major? Did you continue in that field?  
American Studies.....no

Career? Do tell!

I went to BC Law School right out of Brandeis, graduated in 81 and practiced law for over 18 years, first at big firms, then at Lotus Development, which was later acquired by IBM. I started out as a corporate/securities lawyer, then changed gears to become a software licensing lawyer and an employment lawyer during my time at Lotus. I took a promotion about 10 years ago, while at Lotus, and moved into the HR field, where I've remained. I spent almost 16 years at Lotus/IBM, then moved to Cubist Pharmaceuticals where I had responsibility for the HR function for 3 years. About a year ago, I joined Harvard where I'm Associate Dean for Human Resources for the School of Public Health. I'm enjoying the change, moving from the for profit world to the world of higher education. There's an energy and a passion to the place that reminds me of my Brandeis years.

Favorite memory from Brandeis days?

Hands down, the Blizzard of 78..... when everything just shut down, most importantly for us, classes stopped, so we took full advantage.

For days, we woke up late, cooked a big breakfast, watched soap operas, had snowball fights, walked through the snowdrifts to a little market and bought whatever food we could find, made elaborate dinners, listened to music, drank lots of wine and beer, stayed up very late.....then we woke up and started the whole routine again.

Favorite Brandeis professor?

Steve Whitfield

What have you done since graduation that you are most proud of?

The family I've helped to build (I have a great husband and two wonderful kids).

Are you single or married? Tell us about your family:

I've been married for 23 years this September to Bob Hesslein, who is also a lawyer. Formerly from the world of law firms, Bob is a biotech lawyer, working in house at Genzyme, and he's responsible for Genzyme's international practice. We have two children.

Our son Brady, aged 17, is a junior at Belmont Hill and Hallie, our daughter, aged 15, is a freshman at BB&N. We've been living in Newton for the past 20 years. As a family, we like to ski and to travel. The kids are both very athletic, so we've remained

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close to home most weekends driving from game to game. Brady's main focus is baseball which he does year round, and Hallie is focused on soccer, which she also plays all year.

What goals have you set for yourself for the next ten years?

Continue to travel, take things a bit slower, maybe begin to fence again, and roller blade and run more regularly

What items are on your bucket list?

Go on safari to Africa

Take a cooking class in either Italy or France



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