

August 6, 2007

I hereby formally terminate my employment with Greenberg Traurig, LLP. My two main reasons for doing so are as follows:

1. I do not enjoy the practice of corporate law. At all. I find it extremely tedious and stressful. I particularly do not enjoy the following activities:

- a. reviewing contracts;
- b. drafting contracts;
- c. editing contracts;
- d. research corporate law; and
- e. strategizing about deal structure.

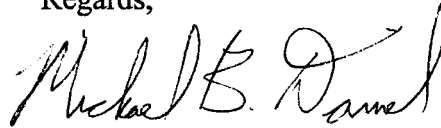
Being that a.-e. above pretty much describe 95% of the job of a corporate lawyer (whether a first year associate or 20 year partner), I can safely say this is the wrong field for me.

2. At this point in my life, I want to work a job with predictable hours. I want to work a job where I am not connected to a blackberry. I want to work a job where I am not expected to work past 6 (except on rare occasions (i.e 2-3 times per month on average)). I want to work a job where I am not expected to work weekends. I also realize this is not the life of a corporate attorney (regardless of firm). Basically, I want to be able to commit to being somewhere on a Tuesday (or any other day of the week) at 6:30, every week, and not worry all day Tuesday whether or not I will have to cancel (absent extremely extenuating circumstances). I also understand that as you get to be more senior in this job, your control over your schedule does increase. However, it is also clear to me that it doesn't increase enough. At the same time, I could probably could have put up with reason 2. longer if reason 1. wasn't so strong.

I do apologize for accepting this job in the first place. In all honesty, I thought there was a chance that my dissatisfaction with this job had to do with where I worked before, but I have learned that it is the job itself, and not where I do it, that I am dissatisfied with. In addition, my decision certainly has nothing to do with any personal conflict with anyone in the office. On the contrary, it is clear to me that the people at this firm (both lawyers and non-lawyers) are both highly genuine and highly skilled at what they do. I also apologize to the lawyers whose short term workload will increase because I am leaving. There's no good way to spin this other than I'm kind of screwing you on this one. Hopefully I can make it up to you one day.

I also want to be clear than I am happy to continue to work until Thursday, August 16 to help transition whatever projects I am working on to other people in the group. Just as a point of full disclosure, I've accepted a sales position at a software company here in Chicago. I will be making significantly less money than I do here, but I am more than willing to make the trade of less money for more control over my life.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael B. Daniel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "D".

Michael B. Daniel