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5:00 am: My internal clock goes off, and I groggily stumble out of bed and head downstairs to run on the treadmill. This gives me **time to reflect on the day** ahead. Afterwards, I feel like I can conquer the world!

6:00 am: I make breakfast for my two middle schoolers. **After eating the leftovers**, I quickly shower, throw on sweats and walk them to the bus stop. As we wait, I respond to our outside counsel.

7:00 am: Back at the house, my grade schooler can't decide what he wants to eat. I make him sweet rolls, sign his planner and make sure that he has his early-dismissal note for today. I finish getting ready, while checking emails and leaving instructions for our nanny. **I wake up my high schooler and remind him his breakfast is in the oven.**

7:30 am: On the way to the office, I **check my voicemail and periodically scan for emails** at traffic stops.

8:00 am: At the office, the mess on my desk is waiting for me. I have four scheduled meetings today, but there will undoubtedly be more. I head over to finance to **offer my parking spot to a newly pregnant woman**. Having "been there, done that" six times, I have much empathy for them!

9:00 am: Hop on a conference call with our HR team, senior litigator and outside counsel concerning an EEOC matter. **We mull over the pros and cons of our next offer**, and after assigning tasks, agree to meet again by the end of the week.

10:00 am: The EEOC meeting is quickly followed by **a pension strategy meeting**, with an internal cross functional team consisting of finance, HR, labor relations and legal — the goal being to insure the retirement security of our teammates.

11:00 am: Follow up that meeting with a call to outside pension counsel requesting a conflict search for a pension-related project. **Next is a meeting with our real estate counsel**. I quickly respond to a text from our nanny concerning a trip to the grocery — bread, milk and a prescription, please!

12:00 pm: Sit on two calls with our CEO to board members, letting them know what's on tap for our meetings next week. The head of communications and I discuss **plans for our company's 75th anniversary dinner**, while standing in line at the cafeteria and walking back to our desks. Check, check, done!

1:00 pm: I meet with my executive assistant to **give her appraisal for the year** — excellent, as usual. We discuss how we can better streamline the department.

2:00 pm: Our chief merchant stops by for a quick chat, **which is usually neither quick nor just a chat**. We contemplate employee moves, including the appointment of one of our attorneys as his chief of staff. This move will enhance her career path through the organization.

3:00 pm: I have **an impromptu meeting with internal litigation counsel** concerning a proposed mediation related to our cyber breach last year and tenor of response back to opposing counsel.

4:00 pm: I respond to a text from our COO, who is out of the country and using his business trip as a way to catch up on new ideas. **He kindly suggests moving on these before he returns.**

5:00 pm: **Outside counsel circulates a revised settlement draft** concerning a proposed class action settlement related to our credit card breach. I review it, forward questions to our chief litigator and get the folder ready for tomorrow's call. I think about tackling the disaster that is my desk — but the keyword is "think."

6:00 pm: My husband has a meeting, and my high school son has work after track practice, so it will be me and the three youngest kids for dinner. While I shut down my computer, I text that: I'm otwh (i.e., "on the way home"), **dinner is grilled cheese sandwiches**, and yes, we can make a quick trip to Target.

7:00 pm: Once home, I make dinner, and confirm that all homework is done and the dog is fed. Then, we head out to Target — our "treat out" for the day. **Being in a car with my three youngest forces me to use all my skills and training as a lawyer**. Although it can be frustrating, this is a favorite part of my day, and I know there will be a time when I will miss it sorely.

8:00 pm: Back home, everyone showers and gets ready for bed. While they are winding down, I look at my **new food and running magazines**.

9:00 pm: I give out goodnight kisses and water, and the kids are off to bed. After responding to emails, I call my 23-year-old daughter who recently graduated from the US Air Force Academy, and discuss how her first "real" job is going. **I love being her mom and her life coach!**

10:00 pm: I respond to a request from our treasurer and agree to follow up tomorrow with our CEO. Then, turn the phone off for the evening. My motto is **"too blessed to be stressed."** As I go over my day and all the things that happened for which I am thankful, I drift off to sleep. ...

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