

# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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### How did you get started in your line of work?

During my first week as a lawyer in 2009, I was sent to pick up a disposable camera (remember those?) to inventory the tangible personal property at the office of what proved to be a Ponzi scheme. Instead of client files, market research, industry publications, and other materials that I expected to fill the office space of this (purported) commodities trader, I found only

miniature putting greens, booze, snacks, TVs mounted above each cubicle, and a boat. I thought to myself, “these guys weren’t even pretending to be doing real commodities trading!” After playing a role in recovering funds for victims of such brazenly remorseless fraudsters, I was hooked on this line of work.

### How long have you been a NAFER member? What prompted you to join?

I am approximately one year into my membership. My desire to stay current on the law, practice, and procedure relating to receiverships prompted me to join.

### How do you believe NAFER will contribute to your professional development or assist you in your practice?

I believe my NAFER membership will help me learn from the experiences of other receivers that I wouldn’t be able to extract strictly from reading caselaw and to have the comfort, when unusual circumstances arise, of being able to bounce ideas off the association’s vast and invaluable collective knowledge.

### What’s the most interesting project on which you’ve worked?

We recovered enough funds to not only return all principal net losses to victims of a Ponzi scheme, but also to pay an interest component to net losers (and maybe certain net winners). Determining the most equitable method for computing interest was an intriguing assignment given both the competing interests of victims and the natural lack of precedent.

### How do you see NAFER growing in the next few years?

I see the rise in webinars and virtual social events facilitating

greater connectivity among this membership base in particular, given that this is a niche industry and we’re spread relatively thin across a large geographic area. I also know the regional event planning committee is dedicated to executing meaningful programming locally and I believe those initiatives will continue to expand.

### When you’re away from the office, what do you do for fun?

Nearly all of my time away from the office is spent attending my children’s extracurricular activities. When not doing that, I enjoy: playing tennis, guitar, chess, any Legend of Zelda video game, and board games; cooking; and researching, analyzing, and debating which English Court of Chancery doctrines remain applicable to equity receiverships today. 🏠

