

in January. But we'll come together stronger and united as a nation. I look forward to a brighter future!

New York will get back to normal soon. After being at home for so long, people will want to visit and experience all it has to offer — Broadway shows, South Street Seaport, Central Park, and the best pizza in the world!



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As a “clergy kid,” my father’s jobs took me to three different states

by age five, and then to Brooklyn. Now, I live on Long Island, a suburb of Manhattan, but my office is in Manhattan.

My law practice focuses on trusts and estates. Cases with clients with foreign citizenship are my favorite. In many European countries, the legal systems are very different from ours, and it’s fascinating to compare them. I also enjoy working with lawyers in other countries.

Where there’s a will there’s a way

The pandemic has widened my circle of colleagues because it’s easier to meet by Zoom. And we’ve grown closer because we’re helping each other navigate a new legal world. Every court has its own emergency rules that change often — you can read them, but it’s very helpful to talk to someone who’s had a case there recently.

Now that I don’t go to my office, my clients who need wills get to meet my parents! I do the will execution in their house and they’re the witnesses. The clients are in their homes and we do it by Zoom.

Not long ago, a pregnant client wanted a will. My parents have four children and eight grandchildren, and they totally gave this couple new parent advice and many good wishes. We were all like old friends by the end. It was so different and a lot less formal than doing it in the office, often with other lawyers as witnesses.

Swipe faster!

I’m mostly a New Yorker when I become impatient with tourists trying to get into the subway. Tourists often swipe their MetroCard too slowly! When I tell them to swipe faster, they look at me skeptically. Then, if they swipe too quickly, they’ll join the many New Yorkers who swipe too quickly and miss their trains.

I love to sing. During the holiday season, you can find me singing carols in Washington Square Park on Christmas Eve. I also love the outdoors, so I go upstate as much as I can to hike. There are some great towns upstate, too. I really love Woodstock — it has a great arts scene and good restaurants.

Insider tip: The Museum of the City of New York is great for learning about our history and social change — from voting rights to bike lanes.



Name: Laura

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I’ve been in NY for 14

years but grew up in New Jersey, about 40 minutes from the city. Before moving here, I’d been living in Germany for a few years. When I moved back, New York was a natural choice.

I’m the Senior Director of College and Enrollment Marketing at The New School, a university in Greenwich Village that’s known for its arts and social research programs. I started working in communications when I moved to NY and got a job in the US offices of the Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD — the German Academic Exchange Service). After that, I worked for other universities and did communications consulting, before I started here in 2015.

New York sells itself

One of the advantages of working for a university here is the city itself. I don’t have to do much to “sell” New York. My work often focuses more on what makes my university different compared to others nearby.

attorney US

► Rechtsanwalt, -anwältin

bike lane

► Fahrradweg

carol

► Weihnachtslied

Christmas Eve

► Heiligabend

clergy [ˈkɪlɜːdʒi]

► Geistliche(r)

emergency rule

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► Notverordnung

holiday season US

► Weihnachtsfeiertage

law practice

► Anwaltskanzlei

swipe

► hier: über ein Kartenlesegerät ziehen

trusts and estates

► Treuhand- und Vermögensrecht

upstate (New York)

► das New Yorker Umland

will

► Testament