



HONING HER DISCIPLINE

Jacqueline Pawlak, Financial Planning Associate

Like so many other young professionals learning to navigate the early stages of their careers in the midst of a global pandemic, Jacqueline Pawlak graduated college and entered a world of relative uncertainty. But despite these challenges, she found herself in a workplace surrounded by like-minded, welcoming individuals. From the moment Jacqueline first stepped into the Fairhaven office, she knew she'd landed somewhere special, and she hasn't looked back since.

Jacqueline started working at Fairhaven as an intern during her final semester at North Central College. She studied Finance and Economics, and it was her personal finance class that confirmed wealth management as the path she wanted to pursue. "My favorite professor taught the class, and I sensed his passion and devotion to teaching financial literacy. This class, in addition to my other finance and economics courses, only reiterated the fact that there is a need for more financial literacy in our society." Jacqueline wants to be part of the solution, and is drawn to financial advising for the way it allows her to both work closely with others and use her skills to help plan for a sound financial future.

Six months after her graduation in the spring of 2021, Jacqueline's internship evolved into an advisor development role. She plans to continue honing her professional skills by studying for the Certified Financial Planner

designation and sitting for the board exam this coming November. Jacqueline is grateful to those whose support and encouragement have helped her get to where she is now: "I've been so fortunate to be surrounded by an amazing team of mentors during the beginning stages of my career."

Ever the hard worker in the office, it's not surprising that Jacqueline has a wide variety of interests outside of her career as well. Her two dogs—Koda, a Pomeranian, and Diesel, a Pitbull—keep her plenty busy, and she loves to unwind by cooking, reading, and weightlifting. Recently she has also started training in mixed martial arts, a challenging endeavor that she describes as "humbling," and one that "requires a great deal of self-discipline ... much like investing."

Jacqueline just celebrated her first year at Fairhaven. She is proud to be working somewhere where financial education and clear communication are not only valued, but are driving principles in how the firm operates. "Fairhaven feels like family. The office culture is unmatched; everyone brings their own unique value and personality. Team members look forward to coming to work and are proud of what we do. It's an atmosphere of excellence—we have fun, we have each other's back, and most importantly, we all share the same enthusiasm when it comes to our clients' overall experience." 🌱

