00:04 A path in between

00:05 is a great definition of my entire career (laughs).

00:10 So, I started out studying biology in undergrad,

00:15 and what I wanted to be,

00:19 if you would ask me in high school was a veterinarian.

00:21 So that's why I started down that path,

00:24 but I very quickly learned about the research world,

00:29 and I became very interested in that,

00:31 and I did some work with a PI at the University of Maryland,

00:35 and that PI happened to be taking law classes on the side.

00:41 So she introduced me to this whole world

00:46 of the intersection between law and science.

00:49 And I thought it was fascinating,

00:51 and I started to see some of the different opportunities

00:55 that were out there.

00:56 And I decided to go to law school as well.

00:59 So right after my undergrad

01:01 I went straight into law school to Suffolk.

01:05 And in my final year,

01:07 I worked for Partners Healthcare Office for Interactions

01:12 with Industry.

01:14 And that introduced me to,

01:17 even though I was in a nonprofit organization,

01:22 it introduced me to the world of industry,

01:24 and I ended up working for a small biotech

01:28 after I graduated.

01:30 And when I was working for the small biotech,

01:33 and I mean, small, it was 20 people

01:35 when I first started there.

01:38 I was, it was so small that I was able to get

01:41 a really good taste of everything that is involved

01:45 in taking a, an idea of something that could potentially

01:53 be a therapy for patients and putting it

01:57 through clinical trials,

01:59 and trying to get approval for a drug.

02:04 And I ultimately went on to work at Vertex Pharmaceuticals

02:10 which is where I am now, and all of, everything that led up

02:15 to my time at Vertex prepared me to be very agile,

02:23 in what I work on,

02:26 and what ended up happening at Vertex

02:28 is I just, by chance started working on all of the projects

02:34 that there wasn't a set role for already,

02:38 or there wasn't a group of people that was already assigned

02:44 or had the organization set up to work on something.

02:48 So for example, when the Sunshine Act came into effect,

02:53 I started working on that,

02:55 and when the EU General Data Protection Regulation started,

03:00 I was on the team for that.

03:02 When Brexit came around, we started preparing

03:04 for how we're going to respond to Brexit.

03:07 And now my current position

03:09 is I'm working as a Chief of Staff

03:11 for the clinical development organization.

03:15 And it's just a very broad role that allows me

03:19 to look at things from a business perspective,

03:23 and from a research perspective,

03:26 but certainly I think having a law degree has allowed me

03:33 to approach things from a certain perspective.

03:37 And it also people, when people see that I have a JD,

03:41 they kind of flag me as someone who might be interested

03:44 in working on projects that cross over

03:47 between science and law.