

# Alumni Spotlight: Yolanda Jameson, Assistant General Counsel, Corporate Development, Mars Inc.

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**Update us on your current role.** I am currently the assistant general counsel, corporate development, for Mars Inc. Prior to that, I was the general counsel of a subsidiary of Mars, BluePearl Specialty + Emergency Pet Hospital, for five-and-a-half years. **What was a rewarding moment in your career?** As the first in-house lawyer at BluePearl, I had the opportunity to create a legal department from the ground up, and that was a very rewarding experience. **What is the most interesting trend in your industry?** With the COVID-19 pandemic, more and more people started adopting pets. That trend has continued, and veterinary hospitals are busier than ever. This

has resulted in staffing challenges as the demand for pet care services continues to increase. **What did your time at Carlton Fields teach you?** I learned so much at Carlton Fields, especially about time management, prioritization of work, and evaluation of risk. But the most significant learning was in the fundamentals of M&A, corporate law, and tax, as I had the opportunity to work with some of the best partners in those areas. **What is your best memory of working at Carlton Fields?** The people. I had (and still have) so many great friendships at CF. **What do you enjoy doing when you are not working?** Being in the sunshine. I love boating, paddle boarding, and being on the water with my kids. I also love to read. **What is your favorite book/movie/TV show/podcast?** My favorite book is Meditations by Marcus Aurelius. **What is one thing that is on your bucket list?** I would love to stay in one of those overwater bungalows in the South Pacific.

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