



1. If anything was possible, what would your dream job be, and why?

- If anything was possible, I would have become a corporate lawyer. When I was working in my previous jobs, I became interested in reading and understanding legal contracts, and watching our legal team enforce those contracts when a breach of contract happens. I even had first-hand experience assisting in the notarization of various company documents, which gave me an insight of just a small portion of the work of a corporate lawyer. Being a corporate lawyer means that you put the company's best interests in mind, and it also means that you help the company navigate the legal landscape to ensure that the company's practices abide to the law. I had a plan to pursue law school when I was working in my second job, but life had different plans for me, and I had to forgo those plans and instead focus on building my career. Had I pursued law school, I would have been a 2<sup>nd</sup> year student by now and I would be living a completely different life compared to what I am living now.

2. Have you ever experienced a stressful situation in your past workplace (college if fresh graduate), what was it and how did you overcome it?

- This is not from my previous job but from my second job, but there was one time where we had a mass loan disapproval from a home financing institution due to systemic fraud as per their audit findings, and I was assigned to schedule a one-on-one meeting with the affected clients wherein I would accompany our department manager as a witness in breaking the news to them. It was a stressful time for me because not only did the whole situation put the company's reputation at risk, but it also made me worry about our safety since most of the clients who were affected always had violent reactions to the matter. But despite that, we stuck to our company protocols and SOPs, and we made sure that we had every legal document and proof that the findings were valid and irrefutable. We even requested copies of documents from the said financial institution through our legal team to support our claims. In the end those clients realized whose fault it was that got their loan applications disapproved, and our company had to create stricter screening procedures to ensure that this event would never happen again.



3. In your previous position, what task did you find most challenging and why? What task did you enjoy most and why?

- In my previous job, the most challenging part of my position was advising clients to only apply to our accredited banks when processing for a home loan for the property they purchased with us. As an Accounts Management Officer, part of my job was to assist and guide clients on what to do before applying for a home loan to a bank, but I had to make it clear to my clients that they should only apply to our accredited banks. Some of my clients often insist on their preferred bank, usually a non-accredited bank, for reasons such as good standing and relationships with that bank, and that their business often transacts with that bank, so they find it easier to transact with them, to name a few. I often had to explain to my clients that while it would be easier for them to apply for a home loan to their preferred bank, the actual loan approval and loan release would take much longer and would be more difficult because the developer they purchased the property from isn't accredited with them.
- The task I enjoyed the most was creating penalty computations and clients' final statement of accounts to be submitted to the banks as part of their bank financing application process. It was during this time where I get to coordinate closely with my manager, as my work must be manually checked by her before it is approved by our department Vice President. During this time, she would provide me with constructive criticism not only of my task but also of my overall work ethic and conduct, and I am glad to say that I have learned a lot from her advice. It was also during this time that I got to know my manager better as we often engaged in small talk as she was reviewing my work before she forwards it for approval.

4. How would your past colleagues or managers describe your work ethic?



- My previous managers and colleagues would describe me as a very reliable person who is adept at doing various tasks and is dedicated to accomplishing those tasks, even if I would be doing some tasks for the first time. My managers specifically would describe me as a good multi-tasker, in which I received an informal award for at one of our Christmas parties. My colleagues would describe me as a very dependable and helpful person at work, since I always assisted them in complex tasks that I know would be difficult for one person to do and accomplish. They would also describe me as a team player, wherein I would give my best to help achieve either a group goal, a department goal or a company-wide goal.

5. What personal or professional accomplishments are you most proud of?

- I have a lot of professional accomplishments to be proud of, but one that I am the proudest of is getting myself familiarized with the local real estate broker's network and getting acquainted with some of the people involved with the real estate business here in Bacolod. It gave me a significant advantage in my previous jobs as I was able to get things done in my line of work much faster and more conveniently, and I was also able to gain a deeper understanding of how the local real estate business works, especially when developer properties are involved. Another accomplishment that I am proud of, this time it's personal, is learning how to drive and get my driver's license in card form. Learning to drive means I won't have to rely on public transportation in the future, and I am also fortunate that plastic ID cards were available when I processed my driver's license.