

## Women in Business Networking



### Interview with Brittany Lawrence, Clark Schaefer Hackett



**WiBN:** *What is your position at Clark, Schaefer, Hackett?*

**BRITTANY:** Currently I am a tax manager in our Dayton office located in the Kettering Tower.

**WiBN:** *How long have you been with Clark, Schaefer, Hackett?*

**BRITTANY:** I have been with CSH about 8 years.

**WiBN:** *What are some of your personal skills that have helped you become who you are today?*

**BRITTANY:** I am a hard worker. I am very organized and goal oriented. I am detail oriented.

**WiBN:** *At any time during your life have you had a mentor?*

**BRITTANY:** I have had many mentors at different times in different capacities in my life. I have had many mentors and role models at work. My overall lifetime mentors are my wonderful parents.

**WiBN:** *In your opinion, how can, or how does, networking benefit women in business?*

**BRITTANY:** Networking is essential for all business people, especially women who use relationships to make many of our decisions. Women provide each other support, ideas, and affirmation.

**WiBN:** *What has been the greatest challenge in your position at Clark, Schaefer, Hackett? Most rewarding?*

**BRITTANY:** Greatest challenge has been trying to balance work and home life. Most rewarding is mentoring younger staff and seeing them being successful both professionally and personally.

**WiBN:** *How do you use Social Media in your personal life? In your career?*

**BRITTANY:** I use LinkedIn to connect with business contacts. I also use Facebook personally to connect with friends and family.

**WiBN:** *What inspires you the most?*

**BRITTANY:** My inspiration at work comes from a strong internal drive to do well. I am a perfectionist and strive to do my best all the time.

**WiBN:** *Share with us how you balance your work life and family life?*

**BRITTANY:** Since having my daughter in February, I am on a part-time schedule including working one day a week from home. My boss and co-workers have been extremely supportive and the arrangement is working out very well.

**WiBN:** *What is the favorite thing to do in "taking care of you"?*

**BRITTANY:** I love a good pedicure. I also enjoy working out and reading. And of course shopping.

***WiBN: How did you hear about WiBN?***

**BRITTANY:** I heard about it through a co-worker that had been attending for several months. She urges me to come check it out. I have been hooked ever since.

***WiBN: Tell us a little about your education and experience?***

**BRITTANY:** I have an undergraduate degree from Wright State in both accountancy and management information systems. I am a certified public accountant in Ohio. I have been working in the tax area exclusively with CSH for about 6 years. I have extensive experience in business taxation.

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