

Pets and the Pandemic: Patti Leonard Discusses Animal Companionship in the Time of COVID-19

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While 2020 was a rough year for humans, man's best friend had other sentiments about the pandemic. The *Daily Business Review* reported that with widespread courtroom closures and restrictions, lawyers had extra time to spend with their pets at home. Now that attorneys are going back to the office, their pets are dreaming of "those sweet quarantine days."

West Palm Beach litigation partner [Patricia Leonard](#) shared photos of her pets with the *DBR*. Her 12-year-old golden retriever Misty and cat Emmie were constant companions throughout the year. Patti said that having everyone back home caused Misty's energy levels to rise.

"Although she sits patiently at my feet during Zoom hearings and depositions, as soon as I sign off and stand up, she's ready to play or to run around outside. She loves all of the attention that comes with her 'people' being home," said Patti. "We are worried, though, about how Misty is going to adjust when we go back to working full time in our offices, and she is left alone with just the cat during the day."

Emmie, on the other hand, is ready for some time alone.

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About Patricia A. Leonard

[Patricia A. Leonard](#) is a partner in the West Palm Beach office of Shutts & Bowen LLP, where she is a member of the Business Litigation Practice Group. Patti has a diverse business and commercial litigation practice, representing businesses in their contractual disputes, including non-compete and other employment contracts, employment discrimination defense, partnership and corporate disputes, pharmaceutical and nutraceutical litigation matters, and real estate litigation. Patti has also litigated trade secret, unfair competition, defamation and copyright infringement cases.

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