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**Local attorney named 'Rising Star'**

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For the second year in a row, Hopkins-based attorney and Minnetonka native Amanda Bloomgren has been named to the 2016 Rising Star list by Super Lawyers.

"It is an honor in the sense that it makes me feel like I'm doing a good job and my work is being recognized by my peers," Bloomgren said.

When Lakeshore profiled Bloomgren and her law partner, Katie Hanson in 2014, their practice was becoming well-known among clients for its very family friendly atmosphere. Hanson's infant daughter had a crib set up in the office and was the "office baby" a few days a week, and Bloomgren was pregnant and often brought her small dog, Biggie Smalls, to work. Her now two-year-old son, Eli, succeeded Hanson's daughter as the "office baby" after he was born.

"We've gotten lots busier and have moved on from the stage in our practice when we were having office babies, and now we are able to be running a little more at full steam because we have kind of evolved through that," Bloomgren said of Bloomgren Hanson Legal's journey over the last two years. "We have picked up a law clerk, but our effort is still to maintain a small practice, so we're not looking to grow really beyond just the two of us."

Bloomgren's focuses are family law, small business, real estate and litigation, while Hanson specializes in family law, estate planning and criminal defense.

"We were both drawn to the family law because it really feels like a way to provide a real service," Bloomgren said of one of the practice's main focuses. "It's an opportunity to really help someone get through a tough time in their lives and provide a service that they can't get anywhere else."

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