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caskets. Even the Supreme Court took notice and, in its landmark decision striking down bans on interstate shipments of wine, cited the Task Force's report on the subject multiple times.

Obviously, the specific issues that PPTA deals with are quite different, but I think the principle is the same. Although plasma therapies are hardly the newcomer that e-commerce was in the early 2000s, many regulators and policymakers are still not as familiar with the industry as they should be. Consequently, they often resort to old methods and approaches, developed in the context of chemical pharmaceuticals, that no longer fit. Identifying opportunities to use the legal process to educate key decision-makers, and to inform them of the adverse consequences for both patients and manufacturers of applying a "Big Pharma" mindset across the board, is a big part of the role that I hope to play with PPTA.

What is most rewarding about working in this industry?

Despite the fact that, as an attorney, I am not really involved in the technical side of the business, I find the science underlying the production and use of plasma therapies fascinating. Prior to working with PPTA, the most interesting matter I had worked on was a patent infringement case involving biotechnology in corn seeds. It was amazing, and humbling, to me that human beings could, in essence, change the rules at such a fundamental level. Of course, this is all in a day's work for PPTA's member companies, only at a more profound level because their breakthroughs affect actual human lives. It is very rewarding for me to be able to play even a small role in facilitating this important work. ☺

March 9 – 12	International Symposium on Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine <i>Brussels, Belgium</i>
March 13 – 14	2nd Pan-European Conference on Haemoglobinopathies <i>Berlin, Germany</i>
March 13 – 15	5th European Conference on Rare Diseases <i>Krakow, Poland</i>
March 16 – 17	International Plasma Protein Congress 2010 <i>Berlin, Germany</i>
March 18 – 20	VI International Conference on Rare Diseases and Orphan Drugs (ICORD 2010) <i>Buenos Aires, Argentina</i>
April 22 – 24	Inaugural AESEAN Federation of Haematology Scientific Meeting <i>Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</i>
May 22 – 25	International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis SCC Meeting <i>Cairo, Egypt</i>
May 26-27	International Plasma Fractionation Association (IPFA)/PEI 17th Workshop on "Surveillance and Screening of Blood Borne Pathogens" <i>Zagreb, Croatia</i>
June 10 – 13	15th Congress of the European Hematology Association <i>Barcelona, Spain</i>
June 15-16	Plasma Protein Forum <i>Reston, Virginia, United States</i>
June 26 – July 1	XXXIst International Congress of the ISBT <i>Berlin, Germany</i>
July 10 – 14	Hemophilia 2010 World Congress <i>Buenos Aires, Argentina</i>
August 22 – 27	14th International Congress of Immunology <i>Kobe, Japan</i>
October 7 – 10	XIVth Meeting of the European Society for Immunodeficiency <i>Istanbul, Turkey</i>
October 8 -10	European Haemophilia Consortium Annual General Meeting <i>Lisbon, Portugal</i>
October 9 – 12	AABB Annual Meeting <i>Baltimore, Maryland, United States</i>
October 10	Source Business Forum <i>Baltimore, Maryland, USA</i> PPTA Members Only
October 21 -24	XI European Symposium on Platelet and Granulocyte Immunobiology <i>Beaune, France</i>