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PIONEER SPIRIT Lindsay Harrison presented her first oral argument at age 30 — in the U.S. Supreme Court. She won the case, representing an asylum-seeking immigrant pro bono, and in the 11 years since has developed not only a strong record in appellate courts but also a thriving hospitality practice at Jenner & Block. This summer, Harrison won perhaps her biggest victory. She was the lead attorney in one of the three cases the Supreme Court considered before overturning the Trump administration’s rescission of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA.

TRAILS BLAZED In her hospitality practice, Harrison represents some of the world’s largest hotel companies, including Hyatt and Marriott, handling complex corporate legal issues. For Marriott, for example, she defeated a lawsuit that sought to block the company’s merger with a rival hotel chain, Starwood. Among her other cases, Harrison now represents the Union of Concerned Scientists in challenging a directive by the Environmental Protection Agency that limited participation by scientists from academic institutions and nonprofit organizations on federal science advisory committees.

FUTURE EXPLORATIONS The daughter of an infectious disease doctor, Harrison began preparing early on for the coronavirus pandemic. Her father advised that she stock up on food and make plans for sheltering at home. So Harrison led efforts to move her firm’s work online. By mid-March every employee was equipped to work remotely. “I wanted to make sure I was protecting my colleagues in the way (my father) was trying to protect me.” Despite recent grim news, Harrison is optimistic about the legal industry. “People are reacting to the world around us right now in an attempt to try to work together and get to a better place. It’s pretty amazing, actually. Everyone seems to be a little bit kinder right now. That makes me hopeful.”