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Michael Best Partner Leah Hurtgen Ziemba was featured in *Hoard's Dairyman* article, "From boots to suits" on January 7, 2019.

Before heading to Cornell University to study animal science, Leah Ziemba lived and worked on her family's 40-cow dairy in Elkhorn, Wis. Growing up, she was involved in the Junior Holstein Association, 4-H, and FFA. Like many other youth, Ziemba also competed in dairy judging. Many of the skills that helped her through law school she gained from dairy activities.

"Dairy judging allowed me to practice for defending my position and taught me to speak with confidence and authority when doing so," explained Ziemba. "You place the class and then try to convince an official why you saw them that way. It is very similar to talking to a judge in the courtroom."

While completing her bachelor's degree, Ziemba thought she would become a veterinarian. However, she found herself gravitating toward more of her government, environmental, and law classes.

"I saw how environmental matters were changing the shape and dynamic of the dairy industry, and I wanted to be a part of that," said Ziemba. "I worked for two years after I graduated from college for the New York Farm Bureau as a lobbyist and policy analyst. I wanted to be sure that I wanted to go back to law school."

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