Many chemists opt for careers that call on them to apply their chemistry knowledge outside of the lab. To spotlight these chemists and chemical engineers, we are launching a new feature – “Beyond the Bench.” The feature debuts in this issue of ACS Industry Matters with a contribution from Kirby B. Drake, Founder and Managing Partner of Kirby Drake Law PLLC. Kirby explains why she left Duke’s chemistry labs in favor of law school at Wake Forest, suggests how chemists can be better educated about IP matters, and predicts how the world of IP will evolve in the coming years.

John Banovetz, 3M’s Senior Vice President, Research and Development and Chief Technology Officer, focuses this issue’s One-Minute Mentor on some advice that his dad shared while John was in graduate school: Be true to oneself. John explains what he means by that, and how that will not only help you raise your game, but also of those in your orbit.

In our Bridging Technology feature, Dow’s Michelle Rivard shares the very unusual, perhaps unique way, she came to be a chemical technical professional (CTP). She also writes about her 2018 ACS National Chemical Technician Award, and how she came to learn an important lesson from her manager about ‘activity’ vs. ‘impact’.

Our final story reprises an article that we originally published in August 2020. With many people returning to the workplace in 2022, it’s probably a good time to share tips from three ACS Career Consultants on managing stress and anxiety in the workplace.

P.S. Effective with our June 2 issue, you will need to bookmark the ACS Industry Matters landing page in order to see our new weekly content. The last issue we will email to you is our May 26 issue. Please remind yourself to visit this site starting on June 2 to continue to enjoy your weekly ACS Industry Matters articles. We will continue to publish new content each Thursday. You can also follow our hashtag #ACSIndustryMatters on social media for new content.
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In order to tailor this program to the participants, please send any questions that you may have for the featured speakers ahead of time to acshoustonycc@gmail.com by 4 pm CT on Wednesday, June 22.

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