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BIO

Whitney fell in love with dance the same way many others have—watching a local performance of *The Nutcracker* as a starry-eyed three-year-old perched on a velvet auditorium seat (while her siblings shifted and daydreamed to pass the time). Whitney's mom immediately enrolled Whitney in beginning ballet classes at the local college, where she became mesmerized by the steps, rhythms, and emotional richness of dance.

Whitney studied ballet for many years and joined her local dance company as a teenager. If she was not in the studio and did not have her nose in a book, she was swanning around grocery store aisles and school gymnasiums. In addition to performing locally and in cities around Texas, she attended summer workshops with the Dallas Ballet Center and Ballet Austin before choosing to set aside her pointe shoes in pursuit of other endeavors.

Whitney graduated high school with a keen interest in literature and creative writing. She attended Texas A&M University where she majored in English and Political Science. She moved to Houston to work for an international law firm downtown while she applied for law school, and returned after earning her law degree from the University of Texas School of Law in Austin. Throughout her academic years, Whitney continued following the careers of her favorite professional dancers and even took adult classes now and then to remind herself what it feels like to move and breathe with the music. She loves her home here in Houston.

Whitney now works as a commercial litigator and appellate attorney for law firm BoyarMiller, where she handles business disputes for mid-sized companies. She lives in Oak Forest with her husband, Gene, and their toddler, Augustus. Augustus loves to dance, too.