

AFTER HOURS

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"Chess and law are both about sticking to a plan. If you don't, something bad will happen."

STRATEGIC MOVES Chess is the official pastime of the Janeiro family. Jeffrey Janeiro's grandfather made sure of that by clipping chess articles and sending them to his son and grandson in Pennsylvania. "Chess became about beating my father," he says. "Grandpa liked that." Janeiro eventually claimed victories beyond familial borders. As a teenager he was the No. 32 junior player in the nation. He won the under-2,000 section of the U.S. Junior Open, rubbed elbows with Josh Waitzkin—whose rise to national champion was chronicled in the film *Searching for Bobby Fischer*—and dispatched grand masters. "I'd like to think they were thinking intensely about me, not the other four guys they were playing at the same time," says Janeiro. He retired from competitive chess in favor of law school, graduating third in his class. He is now the managing member of the Law Offices of Jeffrey M. Janeiro, a probate and tax litigation firm in Naples. It turns out the tax code and the chessboard share similar dangers. "They're both about making a plan and sticking to it," Janeiro says. "If you don't, something bad is going to happen." **gB**

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