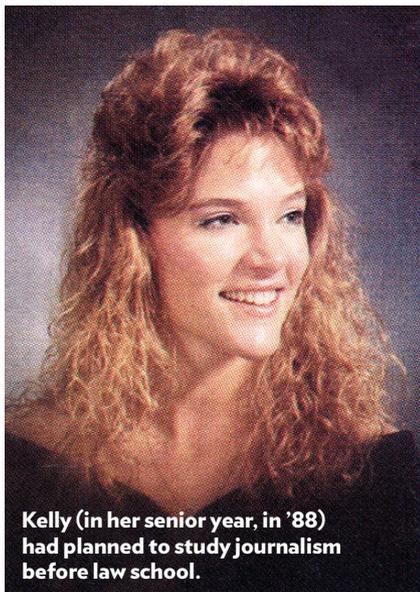


“I THINK YOU CAN HAVE IT ALL. JUST NOT NECESSARILY IN ABUNDANCE”



Kelly (in her senior year, in '88) had planned to study journalism before law school.

before trying a move in front of the camera at 30. “By the end I just hated it,” she says of practicing law. “I loved arguing in front of a jury, but there’s so much paper pushing. I realized I had done nothing fun in my 20s, just toiled away. I resolved I wouldn’t spend my 30s the same way.” With no formal journalism training, she landed her first job in Washington, D.C., at an ABC affiliate after offering to work for free. “I figured I argued for a living, so if I couldn’t convince them to let me work for no money, I didn’t deserve the job,” she recalls. “But my first producer would tell you I threatened to put a stiletto in his eye if he didn’t hire me.”

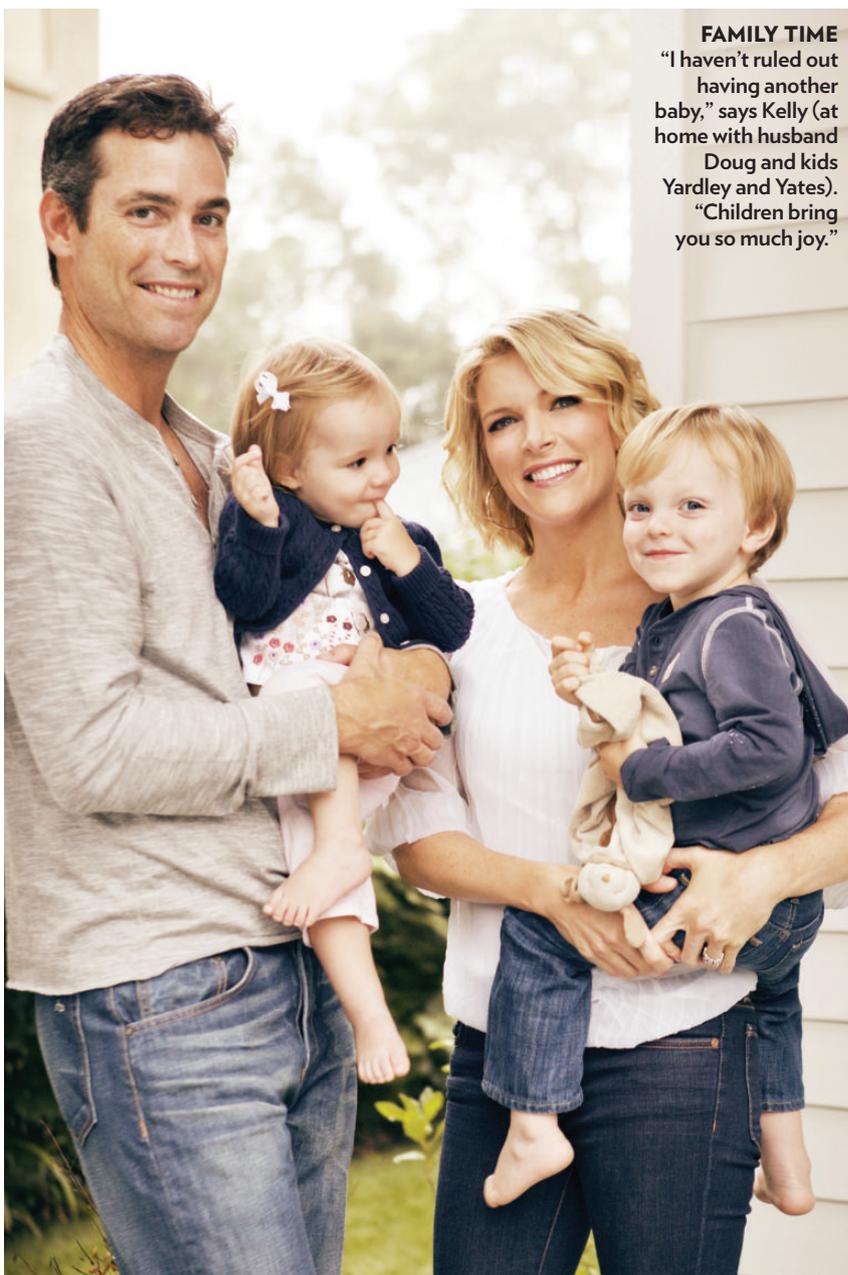
After moving to Fox News, covering the Supreme Court in 2004, she faced a rocky transition. “I felt like I needed to be in total control and project total confidence,” she says, “but that alienated people.” After her bosses told her to lighten up the following year, “I decided to let my flaws out there a bit,” she says. “I have the humor of a 9-year-old boy, and sometimes I’ve had laughing fits on-air. Now I realize I am no-

where near perfect, and that is okay.” In 2006 she landed the anchor chair.

Yet she remains her harshest critic, especially now that she has a family. “She’s got the whole superwoman thing down, but she feels that guilt that a lot of working mothers have,” says husband Brunt, 41, whom she wed in 2008. “If she ever misses something funny that the kids say or do, she really beats herself up.” While Kelly says she would never quit her job, “I always feel like I want more time with my kids,” she admits. “But I reject the notion that you can’t have

it all. I think you can: just not necessarily in abundance.”

Which means taking multitasking to the next level. Kelly wakes up at 6 a.m. with her kids and reads the morning news during playtime, squeezes in date nights after her weekly appearances on *The O’Reilly Factor* and takes her family along on business trips, like the Iowa caucus. “I get to spend extra time with them that way,” she says. “I’m not doing it to try to prove a point. I’m doing it because I’m committed to the job, but my family still comes first.” ●



FAMILY TIME
 “I haven’t ruled out having another baby,” says Kelly (at home with husband Doug and kids Yardley and Yates). “Children bring you so much joy.”

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