

Zahira Omar

Administrative Assistant

Detail-oriented, creative, planner and helper. Throughout her life, these words have been used to describe Taylor Johnson administrative assistant Zahira Omar's contributions to her jobs, loved ones, schools, and community.

For as long as she can remember, Zahira has been focused on helping others. She once considered going into medicine, but while studying at Lane Tech High School in Chicago she developed a strong interest in technology and its many career paths. With an aptitude for both computers and communication, she found herself regularly troubleshooting tech issues for family and friends. This led to a computer science degree from DePaul University, where she also honed her gifts for organization, team building, and problem solving.

After college, Zahira pursued project management work in IT departments. She began her career with Sara Lee, eventually moving on to Abbott/AbbVie. At AbbVie, she worked with the functional leads of multiple teams to help them collaborate, integrate and stay on task in achieving common goals for global HR initiatives. In her current position at Taylor Johnson, Zahira uses lessons learned from her formal roles to help with everything from maintaining databases to critically assessing back-end processes and improving the speed and value of deliverables. She also loves learning about real estate, design, and architecture, which makes her a perfect fit for the TJ team.

When not helping her colleagues at Taylor Johnson, Zahira enjoys cooking, baking, painting, and sewing, using her talents to decorate and upcycle furniture and clothing. And she loves Pinterest for finding and sharing recipes and design inspiration. Zahira also recently fostered kittens and volunteers at an animal shelter, and in the future she hopes to volunteer at a local nursing home. She speaks conversational Spanish, Gujarati, Hindi, and Urdu.