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People often ask me what the future of neurosurgery will look like. Given our growing understanding of how the brain works, and the constant evolution of technology, picture this potential scenario.

Laura Grasso—the *client*, not patient—is a well-dressed and intelligent woman, a former high-powered lawyer. She took six years off while her kids were young, but she always knew she would return to the practice of law. Now she is ready. She wants her career back. There are only two problems: a couple of her former partners are a little skeptical (behind her back), and she no longer feels on top of her game. She fears what other former professional mothers in her neighborhood also fear in themselves: her mind has turned to mush.

In reality, her mind hasn't quite turned to "mush," as her husband reassures her, but her gut tells her she's not as quick and as sharp as she had been six years ago. Back then—before kids—she

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