



MEMBER PROFILE QUESTIONS

INTRO :

Member Name : S. George Joseph

Year of Call : 2000

Twitter Handle:

LinkedIn Page:

Photo : Attached

QUESTIONS :

1- How did you get into criminal law?

I was always interested in criminal law. Probably from watching America tv shows. I had the good fortune to be employed as a provincial prosecutor before I went to law school. Never stopped being interested in the subject matter or the evidentiary rules.

2- What type of cases do you enjoy defending the most and why?

Murder cases. I feel that that is the ultimate criminal law experience. It has all the drama, all the stakes. The stories that come from them make the best movies.

3- How did the practice of criminal law change you?

I have become hopeful that everyone has the capacity for redemption.

4- If there is one thing only you would like to see change in criminal law, what would it be?

Reforming sexual assault litigation. The old system was unfair to victims. The new system is unfair to accused.

5- What advice would you give to your younger self when you first started practising criminal law?

To remember that there is a difference between caring about your client and caring about their case.

6- How do you deal with bad work days?

Exercise and commiseration with other criminal lawyers.

7- What do you think of Zoom court?

Dislike it for the most part – criminal law is about people rather than things. The telepresence of people only serves to further distance us.

8- Any embarrassing court story you're willing to share?

Id case. Police officer said he recognized the accused in a video based upon a one time prior association with client. I put to the officer that he knew me longer than he knew the accused. He responded, "Unfortunately yes." Sick burn.

9- Who is your role model/inspiration in criminal law?

John Hornak, Justice D Digiuseppe, Justice D Kinsella, Anthony Moustacalis

10- What's your favourite song?

End of the Innocence - Don Henley

11- How do you maintain work life balance and how you deal with stress of the job?

Spending time with my family, training for volleyball

12- What is your biggest legal inspiration?

I like the hopeless cases. The ones where the community has risen up against the accused and has become public enemy number 1. I like to fight the mob. I am inspired to stand against the bully. Maybe I suffer from David and Goliath syndrome.

13- What do you do outside of the law?

I am a competitive volleyball player. I was in the World Masters games in 2017 and was supposed to go to Japan for this year's games, but Covid. Fingers crossed for May 2022