



### MEMBER PROFILE QUESTIONS

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#### QUESTIONS :

**1- How did you get into criminal law?**

Life long dream to become a lawyer. Inspired by Mahatma Gandhi and my father.

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

Cases that go to trial and especially if there are Charter issues. In a nutshell, the more complex the case – the more I end up enjoying it. They make me nervous and are very challenging but it is also the best learning I can ask for.

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

Increased my overall confidence as a human being. I feel better and smarter after learning and continuing to learn criminal law. I am not scared or nervous to interact with police or anyone, anywhere, anymore.

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

Sexual Assault cases on the 276 topic. After the recent decisions, it has made my life and defence lawyers' lives very difficult. I don't think it is fair the way it is right now and accused persons do not have a fair chance at a sex assault trial with the way the law is right now. I would like to see some changes.

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

Be patient, your bills will get paid.

**6- How do you deal with bad work days?**

Remind myself I am human and we all make mistakes. Take a deep breath and go for a walk to clear the head.

**7- What do you think of Zoom court?**

The single greatest thing to come out of COVID! Last week I attended 7 different courthouses in one day. I have active cases in Napanee, St. Catherine's, Windsor, Thunder Bay, etc. I can attend remand court in the same day within minutes. I don't see how that would be possible without zoom. I can also do trials via zoom and get a close up of the complainant and witnesses in my trials....thank you zoom.

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

A colleague asked me to speak to an adjournment for her. I was in the middle of remand courts so didn't think much and didn't stop to ask if it was OCJ or SCJ. I walked into the SCJ (it was the same building) in my suit. I thought I would turn red but I explained to Her Honour and my friend, they both understood and in fact were not even expecting me. Sure I was doing someone a favour but never again!

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

My mentor and business partner, Barry Fox. Greatest human being I've ever, best lawyer and best role model. I am who I am today because of him.

**10- What's your favourite song?**

"Started from the bottom" by Drake because unlike Drake I started from the true bottom.

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

Exercise and cooking. I find cooking to be therapeutic.

**12- What is your biggest legal inspiration?**

Re-reading To Kill a Mockingbird. Atticus Finch is an inspiration for thousands of lawyers I would assume.

**13- What do you do outside of the law?**

Practice yoga breathing exercises on my yacht.