



MEMBER PROFILE QUESTIONS

INTRO :

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QUESTIONS :

1- How did you get into criminal law?

Happenstance. I worked on a case during my clerkship at the Court of Appeal where I genuinely believed there had been a wrongful conviction. That planted a seed that blossomed once I started working with clients and seeing the many micro (and macro) injustices the criminal justice system inflicts on people.

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

Sexual assault cases. My perspective completely changed once I started practicing criminal law. It's engaging to try to keep up with the complex evidentiary and legal issues surrounding these offences that are constantly evolving to reflect social norms and human behaviour.

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

It's forced me to confront any tendency I had to believe people are usually telling the truth.

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

Strict adherence to the law during bail court. The system is plagued by delay, overreliance on "standard" conditions, and other unconstitutional practices despite clear admonishment from the Supreme Court. It's unacceptable.

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

Take any opportunity you can to get on your feet in court. Start as soon as possible.

6- How do you deal with bad work days?

I sit on the couch and drink rosé, eat popcorn, and watch TV with my husband and dog (this is also how I celebrate good days).

7- What do you think of Zoom court?

It can save a lot of time for simple things. I don't want to drive to Brampton for an adjournment. But there's a real risk to trial fairness when we don't know who's in the room with a witness, or when the Zoom audio doesn't capture what a witness is saying.

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

A panel at the Court of Appeal saw me crawling army style on the floor behind Andrew Bigioni's office while he was in the middle of a Zoom appeal.

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

Daniel Brown and Mark Halfyard. They walk the walk when it comes to mentoring and championing young lawyers. They've also shown that having a busy, successful law practice isn't mutually exclusive to having fun.

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

Like everyone else – with difficulty. But I recently got a spin bike and I'd highly recommend it. Also dogs help.

11- What is your biggest legal inspiration?

When David Rudolph moves to Durham County to represent Michael Peterson. That level of commitment to his client is remarkable.

12- What do you do outside of the law?

My favourite non-law pastime is cooking. Before a busy week, I spend a lot of time batch cooking meals for the week ahead. Having healthy meals in my fridge and freezer makes me feel prepared and in control.