



MEMBER PROFILE QUESTIONS

INTRO :

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QUESTIONS :

1- How did you get into criminal law?

A classmate from law school got me to apply for a job as Criminal Duty Counsel
 2- What type of cases do you enjoy defending the most and why?

I represent clients in all different kinds of cases, Criminal Code, Provincial Offences and Drug Offences.

I enjoy a variety of broad case work like a broad spectrum of clients I serve both Young Persons and Adults, First Offenders and those more experienced with the Criminal Justice system.

3- How did the practice of criminal law change you? I think Criminal law and the practice of law has made me more conscientious. It has made me a better listener and improved my

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

Time on Zoom to complete matters.

5- What advice would you give to your younger self when you first started

practising criminal law? Have a business acumen and stay healthy.

6- How do you deal with bad work days? Take rests when hitting logjam.

7- What do you think of Zoom court?

For sophisticated clients it works well, for the vast majority, it's time consuming

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

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

10- What's your favourite song? Breezin - George Benson

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

job? Try to sleep at a descent time, force myself to ambulate every few hours daily. if even it's a few steps and short intervals.

12- What is your biggest legal inspiration? To hopefully improve the life of those we serve. Demonstrating competence, confidence in the administration of justice.

13- What do you do outside of the law?

Volunteer with various community groups.