



### **MEMBER PROFILE QUESTIONS**

#### **INTRO :**

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#### **QUESTIONS :**

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

I enjoy doing minor offences that are suitable for diversion. I enjoy negotiating with the crown to get suitable conditions for my clients. I want to do more work with restorative justice. I enjoy working with community programs to establish more positive circumstances for the entire community.

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

By giving me an area to expand into and showing me where my real interest in law lies.

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

The repeal of the controlled drug and substances act and prostitution legislation. Basically an end to consensual crimes.

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

Avoid them altogether through planning and preparation.

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

I think it's great. Obviously it can't work for everything, but set date court and other matters are easier now. I think we need to have enough staff trained remotely to support the judiciary so that we can continue court operations throughout the rest of the pandemic and beyond.

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

My first ever bail hearing went pretty badly, and all I can say there is that I can say that it really and truly was my first bail hearing. Also, the pleadings were struck and my second bail hearing was a success. The client was released in time for Christmas and the story had a happy ending. I'm better at bail hearings now.

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

Knia Singh 2 years ahead of me at Osgoode. He is a champion of justice, representing minorities and fighting the good fight. In many ways he inspired me to open a solo practice and empanel myself with LAO.

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

I love music and I hate picking favorites. I'll listen to anything once, and if I like it I'll listen to it again.

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

Lately my newest Covid activities has been making social calls on the phone while walking through the park in the evening. It helps me relax, it gets me moving and it really helps to relieve stress and social isolation.

**10– What is your biggest legal inspiration?**

The Indigenous system of laws that focused heavily on restorative justice and healing the community.

**11– What do you do outside of the law?**

I like to play music, attend concerts, go camping at music festivals, create playlists on my computer, go jogging through the park, play some chess, and solve logic puzzles.

**12– What would your defence bar colleagues be surprised to learn about you?**

I do part time acting work as an extra in movies and I was on the set of “Blackway” with Anthony Hopkins and Julia Stiles.