



MEMBER PROFILE QUESTIONS

INTRO :

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QUESTIONS :

1- How did you get into criminal law?

I wanted to be a trial lawyer since watching the O.J. trial just like every other eleven year old.

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

Fact bases cases, usually of some sort of violence.

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

I am kind of paranoid about being falsely accused, I cross examine my wife when we disagree.

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

Slow, inefficient, archaic, COVID has brought us into the 1990s though.

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

Find a good mentor, don't be afraid to stand up to judges when they are wrong.

6- How do you deal with bad work days?

I replay them over and over and think of what went wrong and how I can avoid the situation later.

7- What do you think of Zoom court?

I like it for scheduling, I prefer the drama and theatre of real court for trials.

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

Sooo soo many.

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

Tony Sera hands down. Weed-smoking, acid-dropping, hippy pro-bono lawyer.

10- What's your favourite song?

Depends on the day.

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

I have 5 associates who help me a ton. I really work hard on eating well otherwise my mental health declines dramatically.

12- What is your biggest legal inspiration?

The 11 year old child listening to news accounts of F. Lee Bailey destroying Mark Fuhrman.

13- What do you do outside of the law?

I am super into lawyer marketing and business and marketing in general. I help a few of my colleagues with that.

14- What would your defence bar colleagues be surprised to learn about you?

My wife is enviable because has labours quickly, so quickly that I have been in the unenviable position of having to deliver not one, but two of my children unassisted. I almost passed out the first time it happened.