



### MEMBER PROFILE QUESTIONS

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#### QUESTIONS :

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

During my 1<sup>st</sup> year summer intern in Hong Kong, the firm was suing the defendant in a related civil matter. I was sent to the Criminal Trial to take notes. I was hooked and the Criminal Law bug has continued to grow

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

Lengthy/complex matters. I love dissecting every part of a file, eating, breathing living it during the time it's in Court.

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

The practice has made me more "fiery". I increasingly find the need to start and continue uncomfortable conversations about the criminal justice system, the horrors of being arrested, overincarceration, overrepresentation and the systemic biases.

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

I'd like to see more focus and funding to address the root issues. Too many accused come before the Court on addiction issues and mental health concerns that should never be prosecuted in the first place.

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

You will experience loss. Losing bails, losing motions, losing Trials, losing Clients. Loss is certain. Lean on your support system both in and outside of the profession.

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

I vent exhaustively to other lawyers... when they are bored of me, I turn to my family and friends until they tell me to wrap it up.

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

Great for set dates... but it should only be used with defence consent for Trials and Prelim.

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

I was vilified for thinking about serving TPS police chief with a subpoena to testify on a straightforward theft m/v Trial.

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

The strong female lawyers who have paved the way and continue to push the boundary on the status quo "defence lawyer". You know who you are, thank you.

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

Any bangers that take me back to my time in England

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

Compartmentalizing. Learning that we cannot change things out of our power and not worrying about it until we can make a difference.

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

My Clients. It is an extreme honour and privilege to have their trust. Their trust in me pushes me to work and fight.

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

Lover of live sports, open roads and carpool karaoke.

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

I picked up hockey the same year I was called to the bar. Luckily my lawyering skills have improved exponentially more compared to my skating abilities. Skating backwards only happens in my dreams.