



### MEMBER PROFILE QUESTIONS

#### INTRO :

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**Year of Call :** 2004

**Twitter Handle:** Twitter? Has anyone watched the Black Mirror episode "Nosedive"?

**LinkedIn Page:** LinkedIn? Yes, I have a profile but never look at it.

#### QUESTIONS :

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

I worked at Crown Law Criminal for 10 years, during which time I started Law School. While criminal law was easy to fall into, I also wanted to help vulnerable individuals, and hold the system accountable.

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

Cases with good factual puzzles are very satisfying.

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

I feel I have more confidence than I did when I was younger.

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

Jailing people because of addiction.

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

Should I give the real response?

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

Horrible. It excludes homeless and poor people who do not have the resources to zoom in, and then they get unendorsed bench warrants, are put on a bail order, and then the Crown inevitably wants a plea to a FTA. Zoom makes it impossible to organize your practice properly, since you cannot meet your clients in one place at one time, or even know how your day is shaped from day to day, because you don't get your "time" for many courts until very late the day before, or the morning of, the appearance. Zoom eliminates the human immediacy of the trial, plea, etc., and has virtually eliminated the solemnity of the courtroom. I have plenty more to say on the topic, but will stop here. Don't get me started on how bad the electronic disclosure Hub is, and how it is passing on the cost of disclosure to the defence.

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

I once forgot to change into my shoes, and wore my Crocs to court.

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

David Finley and James Stewart from Crown Law Criminal. My first mentors, very smart guys, and absolute team players. Ulrike Zobel would likely second this comment.

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

So many to pick! I'll go with *Cygnets Committee* by David Bowie

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

What is work/life balance? Isn't work, life?

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

Rumpole of the Bailey.

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

Prep for Armageddon. Knit. The list is actually quite huge, but who wants to hear about cooking and grandchildren?

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

I was a very very good ballet dancer, and have published poetry.