



MEMBER PROFILE QUESTIONS

INTRO :

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QUESTIONS :

1- How did you get into criminal law?

I did not think I would ever get into criminal law until I articulated at CAMH, where I represented the hospital at Ontario Review Board hearings. I felt most fulfilled advocating against patients' detention. That's when I knew that criminal law was for me.

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

I most enjoy defending clients in sexual assault cases. Societal attitudes toward those accused of sexual assault highlight the importance of the presumption of innocence and fearless advocacy.

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

If I had to pick just one, I would ban publishing the names of individuals charged with crimes unless they are convicted or outside of exceptional circumstances (e.g., imminent risk to public safety).

4- What do you think of Zoom court?

I like Zoom court until one of the participant's Internet connection fails. I find it easier to observe a witness pinned on my Zoom screen rather than in a witness box.

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

Sean Robichaud is my role model. I swear I'm not saying that because he's my boss. I couldn't ask for a better mentor and sounding board.

Marie Henein has long been an inspiration to me. Ms. Henein's book, *Nothing But the Truth*, is a must-read. I feel fortunate to be a member of a bar that she is so often a spokesperson for.

6- What's your favourite song?

Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen

7- What do you do outside of the law?

I spend most of my time outside of the law with my fiancée and our dog, Steve Carell. Steve is an emotionally complicated young fellow, so he needs lots of attention. I also volunteer for the rescue organization we adopted him from. What else? I'm a hockey and baseball analytics nerd. I'm really not that interesting.