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MEMBER PROFILE QUESTIONS

INTRO :

Member Name : Jenny Reid

QUESTIONS :

1- How did you get into criminal law?

I chose criminal law because there was less paperwork and tax law bored me to tears :)
I am still haunted by section 85 rollovers.

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

I enjoy defending administration of justice charges the most because there are always lots of defences, they are frequently overlooked by the police and crowns but they are very important to the client. If convicted they can impact a client's ability to secure their release.



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

Criminal law made me privy to information and pictures that can never be unseen. I now have a well-developed albeit sick and twisted sense of humour.

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

Don't take yourself or anything else so seriously and drink more. Marijuana was not legal in those days. :)

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

J Arthur Martin because he was always the penultimate gentleman as a lawyer and a Judge. He had a mind like a steel trap and an unwavering sense of and commitment to justice. Louise Arbour because she is a force to be reckoned with. She was standing up for the rights of others even when it was not popular to do so.



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

After 36 years in practice I am still striving to find a work-life balance. I work hard and when I have breaks I try to make the most of them. Family, friends, physical activity, hitting things is extremely therapeutic especially when focussed on a particular nemesis, did I say never take things personally, laughter and a good glass of single malt.

7- What do you do outside of the law?

Anything else !!!! Spend time with my children while they still let me. Attend their activities and cheer them on. Walk and play with Zorra our leonberger. I love all arts-related activities, antiques, baking, playing sports, traveling and riding rollercoasters that scare the wits out of you. Just doing nothing because I can.