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MEMBER PROFILE QUESTIONS

INTRO :

Member Name : Derek Chou

QUESTIONS :

1- How did you get into criminal law?

I was the victim of a hit and run and felt powerless at the time. I always knew knowledge is power so I quit my job at the time to pursue a career in law.

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

Sexual assault allegations, and the gravitas in upholding the strict standard of beyond a reasonable doubt.



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

Criminal defence has changed my view, mostly pertaining to police interactions with civilians. It's important for people to know their rights upon detention, and what constitutes detention in the first place.

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

I'd tell myself to sit in as many trials as I can and absorb the advocacy of senior counsel whenever appropriate.

5- What do you do outside of the law?

I enjoy racing vehicles.