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### **MEMBER PROFILE QUESTIONS**

#### **INTRO :**

Member Name : Julie Gravelle

#### **QUESTIONS :**

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

I've always been one to root for the underdog. Working in the criminal justice field for a number of years before considering law school only fuelled my passion for human rights and social justice, which is largely the root cause of the overrepresentation of vulnerable persons in the system.

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

It's opened my eyes to the level of control instituted by the state, especially on vulnerable people and the importance of checks and balances to hold the state accountable to the high standards we expect in a democratic society.



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

Oh so many things....

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

As a student, any advice is welcome!

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

The answer will always be: dogs; and maybe wine.

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

Convenient and frustrating.



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

Not yet, but I'm sure they're on the horizon.

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

Justice Abella, Marie Henein, Kim Pate, RBG

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

Great question. I don't know, what day of the week is it? It varies.

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

Again: dogs.



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

Knitting and kayaking (not together), and so much more.