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Personality Questionnaire Experience

Every month, JLegal examines the PQE of a senior in-house counsel. This month we talk to Adrian Kwong, who despite professing to find patience overrated, manages to patiently finish his lego projects.

Adrian Kwong

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- Where were you born?
At the former British Military Hospital, Singapore.
- Which talent would you most like to have?
Flying. On my own. I dislike queues, let alone ones where people take off belts and smelly shoes and put them on trays.
- What is your idea of misery?
Meetings with people who just don't 'get it'.
- What do you most value in your friends?
A listening ear and a caring heart.
- If you weren't a lawyer you would be a ...
Teacher, detective, soldier, spy.
- What is your most precious possession?
Tangible possessions are, unless heirlooms, essentially replaceable. I'd probably run back into a burning building to get hard disks of my digital photographs as these things encapsulate a life. P. S. I hear wedding rings can survive a house fire intact!
- What is your motto?
'Have we considered these other things?' and
It could always be worse!
- Where is the best place you have ever been to?
An old grass airfield in England for a commemorative air show. Seeing and hearing a line of 20 roaring World War II Spitfire fighters is a once in a lifetime experience for me. Watching U2 perform live on the same trip came close.
- What do you consider your greatest achievement?
Probably not for me to evaluate my own life's worth, but I was pleased to finally finish my Ultimate Collector's Edition X-Wing Lego set last year. Biggest set I'd ever made, and the 1,559 parts took me more than a year in fits after work. Lego can be very therapeutic though.
- What is your greatest extravagance?
Older, sometimes less reliable, but distinctive cars. My present daily drive is more than a quarter of a century in age.
- What is your greatest regret?
Not having taken the road less travelled when I was younger. I could have taken more risks in life before stuff started breaking with age.
- Top 3 favourite movies of all time?
Top Gun, The Empire Strikes Back, and Black Hawk Down. You can't always shoot first but when you open fire, try to make it count, and try to bring everyone home.
- If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?
I'd like to be taller. Studies show a couple of inches extra never hurt.
- What do you consider the most overrated virtue?
Patience. Are we done yet with all these questions?
- What irritates you?
Drivers who don't signal before changing lanes. It suggests an increasingly me-first society. Plus it's very dangerous, especially to bicycles and motorcycles, so please do check your blind spot!
- What would you like to be remembered for?
As someone said at my wedding, as a man of character, who *was* a character. That, and for leaving a decent collection of toys for the children and children-at-heart, and cool friends (who listened).



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