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Personality Questionnaire Experience

Every month, JLegal examines the PQE of a senior in-house counsel. This month we speak with Ang Kai Hsiang, a devoted family man who, despite loving Wu Xia films, can still quote Elsa from "Frozen".

Ang Kai Hsiang

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- What is on your mind at the moment?
How to transition my daughters from our bedroom to theirs. It would be nice to finally have an undisturbed night's sleep!
- Which talent would you most like to have?
The ability to manipulate time. Invisibility comes as a close second.
- What is your idea of misery?
Being bored. That's why I always have at least one (content-filled) device with me wherever I go.
- What do you most value in your friends?
The freedom to speak your mind and not be judged.
- If you weren't a lawyer you would be ...
an entrepreneur. It is amazing to observe the level of support afforded to young entrepreneurs and how the Singapore start-up community is thriving.
- What is your most precious possession?
My family.
- Where were you born?
Singapore born, Singapore bred.
- Where is the best place you have ever been to?
It would be a tie between Reykjavik and Santorini. If only you could combine the two!
- What is your greatest regret?
Doing in my ACL at age 26 - I really miss playing football.
- What do you consider your greatest achievement?
Being a father to my daughters. I honestly wasn't sure I had it in me!
- What is the strangest thing you have seen?
As a child, I found a bat in my bed one night!
- What is your motto?
Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
- Top 3 favourite movies of all time?
Aliens (the colonial marines are amazing), Dracula (the Gary Oldman one) and 笑傲江湖之东方不败 (amazing swordplay - my favourite wuxia film - even if it takes liberties with the source material).
- What do you consider the most overrated virtue?
Honesty - it isn't necessarily the best policy?
- What is your greatest extravagance?
Books, games and movies (essentially, all the things I wanted as a kid). I barely have time to consume all these but I can't resist the urge to continuously add to my library.
- If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?
To learn to "let it go" (as Elsa might say) - not everything has to be perfect all of the time.
- What irritates you?
Lots, but I'd say slow drivers, ne'er-do-wells, the conceited, the arrogant, the rude.
- What would you like to be remembered for?
Being there for my family and loved ones.



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