

The JLEGAL PQE

Personality Questionnaire Experience



**FEATURING
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Throughout the year, JLegal examines the PQE of a senior in-house counsel. In this Christmas edition, our last for 2020, we speak with Gerard Chan – someone you'll call on for expertise in Malaysian food, not DIY projects!

▪ **What is your current state of mind?**

Grateful to God for bringing my family back together after we were separated for nearly 6 months due to various entry restrictions in 3 countries, and for the kindness of many friends and family during this period.

▪ **What's something you're glad you'll never have to do again?**

Driving my son from one enrichment (ok, tuition) class to the next when he was in secondary school in Singapore.

▪ **What's one thing you always procrastinate on?**

Fixing anything in the house because I'm hopeless in this area, and cannot hammer a nail into a wall to save my life!

▪ **Is there anything you consider absolutely unforgivable?**

I was once served a traditional "kapitan" chicken curry in Penang (please do try it if you go to Penang) that had ladies' fingers in it. Absolutely sacrilegious!
[editor's note: for the uninitiated, please refer to this recipe <https://www.hungrygowhere.com/recipe/kapitan-chicken-recipe/047e3101/> so Gerard can rest easy knowing readers will now be able to spot the offending vegetable in the dish!]

▪ **If you woke up tomorrow with no fear, what would you do first?**

Jump on a plane and attempt the Space Mountain roller coaster ride in Disneyland, this time with my eyes wide open! (I attempted it years ago when my son was 10 with my eyes tightly closed!)

▪ **Who would you hate to be stuck in a lift with?**

With anyone who has just had durian for lunch!

▪ **What is one behaviour that you never tolerate?**

Unkindness of any kind.

▪ **What is something you have always dreamt of doing but have never done?**

A food and wine tour of Provence and a drive in an open convertible, along the Amalfi coast!

▪ **Your house, containing everything you own, catches fire. After saving your loved ones and pets, you have time to safely make a final dash to save any one item. What would it be? Why?**

Probably an intricate silver dish made of Kelantan silver which was a wedding gift to my parents.

▪ **What is your happiest memory?**

I have two. My wedding day and the moment I held my son in my arms.

▪ **What is your greatest fear?**

Being alone. I am a gregarious person by nature and draw a lot of energy from people around me. I have been blessed by all the good relationships I've built up over the years and it would be so devastating to lose them all.

▪ **Which words or phrases do you most overuse?**

"Lovely!" I enjoy good things in life and this is my expression of appreciation for everything of beauty, whether it's a choral performance, a painting, wine or food!

▪ **How do you want to be remembered?**

For putting others before myself.



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