

# The JLegal



Personality Questionnaire Experience



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Every month, JLegal takes a light-hearted look at the PQE of a senior in-house counsel. This month, Dharshi shares her love of family, wine and food, and wishes she spoke a language other than Kiwi English!

• What is on your mind at the moment?

Like most lawyers a million things! The contract I have to re-draft, the structuring questions I have to answer, the client I have to meet, the urgent restructure I have to handle, the junior lawyer I am trying to hire, the school fees for my children that I forgot to pay - but most importantly lunch, as I just missed it.

• Which talent would you most like to have?

The ability to say no to people who ask me to complete personality questionnaires like this!

• What is your idea of misery?

A lawyer-only drinks event (you need non-lawyers to lighten the mood).

• What do you most value in your friends?

A light-hearted approach to life, a dry sense of humour and the ability to pick up where we left off (having moved countries 4 times in the last 10 years, the latter is an essential quality). Oh, and a fondness of wine is always a good thing.

• If you weren't a lawyer you would be a ...

Chef, although I doubt I could cut it in a kitchen so probably I would have become a baker or a cheese maker. Notice the food theme?

• Where were you born?

Colombo, Sri Lanka. However that's where I was born, it's not where I'm from (which is the Land of the Long White Cloud).

• What is your most precious possession?

My husband and children, without them I have nothing. I am sure my husband would be shocked at this as he would think I would say my handbag collection, but it's the honest truth!

• Where is the best place you have ever been to?

I don't believe I have been there yet.

• What is your greatest regret?

Not learning another language. My husband speaks German, French, Spanish and English. My children speak German and English. I add nothing to our family language capabilities.

• What do you consider your greatest achievement?

Al German Language Certificate (believe me, that was quite an achievement).

• What do you consider the most overrated virtue?

Confidence, it's all smoke and mirrors.

• What is your greatest extravagance?

Travel and foot massages. And if both can be done with a glass of wine in hand even better.

• What is your motto?

Life is short, live it well,  
drink lots of wine.



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