

The JLEGAL PQE

Personality Questionnaire Experience



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Throughout the year, JLegal examines the PQE of a senior in-house counsel. On this occasion, we speak with Jeremy Tan, someone who loves cars, springing surprise visits on his parents, and living life with no regrets!

- **What is your current state of mind?**
Feeling refreshed and re-energised, having recently just come back from a vacation in Bali.
- **What's something you're glad you'll never have to do again?**
I will never have to do 2019 again, or any previous year and I'm glad for that. Life brings with it many ups and downs and I live without any regrets in life.
- **What's one thing you always procrastinate on?**
Reading up more, especially for work (work emails and contracts do not count!) - and my (non-existent) exercise regime.
- **Is there anything you consider absolutely unforgivable?**
No. Being born and raised Roman Catholic, I believe that nothing is actually unforgivable. However, willingness to forgive is a different matter and I would say "it depends" (I'm a lawyer after all!).
- **If you woke up tomorrow with no fear, what would you do first?**
Being a car aficionado, perhaps I would wake up, get into my car, and test the actual maximum speed of the car.
- **What is one behaviour that you never tolerate?**
Excessively negative behaviour (rudeness, snobbishness, arrogance, disrespect, maliciousness, extreme pessimism, etc).
- **Who would you hate to be stuck in a lift with?**
No particular person I know but generally, someone who would panic, or is claustrophobic, or someone with bad hygiene.
- **What is something you have always dreamt of doing but have never done?**
To go on a long holiday trip around the world with my beautiful other half (obviously she coerced me to say that!). Jokes aside, it would be a dream to be able to go on a long vacation without having a single care or worry in the world (no phones, emails, texts, etc).
- **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 my phone or laptop. These would contain all my personal information, pictures (memories) and other critical data so that would be something I couldn't bear to lose.
- **What is your happiest memory?**
I have a habit of planning surprise visits back to my hometown to surprise my parents for special occasions (Birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, etc). Their surprised and happy faces form some of my happiest memories.
- **What is your greatest fear?**
Letting down and disappointing the people closest to me.
- **Which words or phrases do you most overuse?**
I can't think of anything specific, but maybe "MAYBE".



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