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Personality Questionnaire Experience



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Every month, JLegal examines the PQE of a senior in-house counsel. This month, we discover that Piet Grillet is a man of few regrets who tries not to sweat the small stuff!

- What is on your mind at the moment?
The expected publication of the long awaited China regulations which should open the domestic market and allow international players like MasterCard to process domestic RMB payment transactions.
- Which talent would you most like to have?
The ability to eat chilli crab without sweating.
- What is your idea of misery?
People living in the margin of society be it for reason of poverty, serious illness or other.
- What do you most value in your friends?
Loyalty...even in the most difficult times.
- If you weren't a lawyer you would be a ...
A travel writer.
- What is your most precious possession?
The memories of the most precious moments in my life.
- Where were you born?
In Ostend, a world famous coast town in the Flemish part of Belgium.
- Where is the best place you have ever been to?
Several places pop into mind... Cape Town, the Foz do Iguazu waterfalls in Brazil and more recently Bhutan where we visited Tiger's Nest and met with the Queen Mother are top of list...
- What is your greatest extravagance?
Spending too much on travel for leisure.
- What is your greatest regret?
Our biggest regrets are not for those things we have done but for things we haven't done; in that sense I don't have too many.
- What do you consider your greatest achievement?
Winning the European high performing team 2007 award with my team in Europe; I want to add that my current AP team would perfectly qualify as well.
- What is the strangest thing you have seen?
The "long neck" women of the Red Karen tribe on the Thai-Burmese border wearing those neck rings which seem to elongate their necks.
- What is your motto?
You are confined only by the walls you build yourself.
- Top 3 favorite movies of all time?
Seven, The Usual Suspects and Schindler's List.
- What do you consider the most overrated virtue?
Idealism.
- If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?
To worry less about things which at the end of the day don't really matter in the big scheme of things... though it improves with age..



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