The JLEGAL PQE

Personality Questionnaire Experience



FEATURING Adrian NG

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Throughout the year, JLegal examines the PQE of a senior in-house counsel. On this occasion, we speak with Adrian Ng, a risk and phone-averse lawyer harbouring dreams of becoming a photographer or bartender!

- What is your current state of mind?
 Surprisingly calm and grateful, given that we are living in rather interesting times, pandemic and all.
- What's something you're glad you'll never have to do again?

Going through the first 3 months of my eldest kid's life. She waged psychological warfare on my wife and me, never sleeping for more than an hour at a go, screaming bloody murder every 30 minutes, yet looking like an angel whenever she WAS asleep (I'm convinced I'm biologically coded to think this way).

- What's one thing you always procrastinate on?
 Calling people. Whether it be clients or customer service.
 I always thought I was pretty sociable but I have come to the conclusion that I, in fact, abhor human contact.
- Is there anything you consider absolutely unforgivable?

My belief system means I consider nothing unforgivable. That being said, a lack of a sense of humour ranks pretty high up there. Start by learning to laugh at yourself — that way you'll always be amused.

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

Quit my day job and become a photographer. Oh sorry, a VISUAL STORYTELLER.

What is one behaviour that you never tolerate?

Unkindness. Why be unkind if you can be kind? I think it can really make someone else's day, but more importantly, it can change YOU.

What is your happiest memory?
 Watching my kids grow up. So it's still ongoing.

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

Probably someone with terrible BO. I was once on a plane (remember those days?) one row in front of someone with feet that smelt like someone had boiled sweaty socks with salted fish. It was pretty unbearable and the stewardess had to give me a bag of ground coffee to overwhelm the smell. It kind of worked?

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

Quit my day job and become a bartender. Oh sorry, a MIXOLOGIST.

- 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? I probably wouldn't. Nothing I own is irreplaceable. Also, I am highly risk-averse. Job hazard.
- What is your greatest fear?
 Not having changed even one person's life for the better.
- Which words or phrases do you most overuse?
 I swear a bit much, I think. I probably say "holy sh*t" too often.
- How do you want to be remembered? "He always put a smile on my face."

