

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 Nigel King, someone who patently loves his wife, coffee and hip lifestyle magazines!

- **What is your current state of mind?**
Everything is wonderful and achievable. It comes from my first cup of coffee every morning. My mind was completely blank moments before.
- **What's something you're glad you'll never have to do again?**
Drafting a set of patent claims for a mechanical engineering widget (think 'novel' fish processing machine') for my patent attorney drafting examinations.
- **What's one thing you always procrastinate on?**
Learning languages. It used to be French and now the current project is Mandarin. Constant inertia.
- **Is there anything you consider absolutely unforgivable?**
People not observing social distancing especially heaving sweaty runners.
- **If you woke up tomorrow with no fear, what would you do first?**
Take my wife and family and go hiking in Patagonia, breathe some fresh air straight from Antarctica, and admire some of the world's most remote and beautiful scenery.
- **What is one behaviour that you never tolerate?**
Overinflated self-absorption.
- **Who would you hate to be stuck in a lift with?**
A salesperson with a clipboard and an inordinate amount of energy and zero emotional intelligence.
- **What is something you have always dreamt of doing but have never done?**
Being creative like an architect or an industrial designer. Problem solving as a lawyer is loads of fun. Having an outlet for my creative energies is something I miss occasionally.
- **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?**
My collection of Monocle magazines (they speak to my inner hipster).
- **What is your happiest memory?**
Proposing to my wife.
- **What is your greatest fear?**
Irreversible environmental degradation.
- **Which words or phrases do you most overuse?**
My wife has had a lot of fun ridiculing me for my overused phrases over the years. I think I have a fairly sanitised vernacular these days generally...
- **How do you want to be remembered?**
Just to be remembered favourably - a song about me would be great!



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