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- ▶ **I became a lawyer because** I wanted to be the first in my family to go beyond a four-year degree and into law, as we were refugees from the Vietnam war and I am a first-generation immigrant.
- ▶ **The future of the practice of law is** keeping down the expense of going to law school so that it is affordable.
- ▶ **One of the greatest challenges in law today is** the sharing of information electronically via the Internet, as clients have more access to information and resources than ever before . . . for better or worse . . . only time will tell.
- ▶ **If I were not practicing law,** I would become a public speaker and/or educator.
- ▶ **If I could change one thing about the law,** it would be to provide funding for the courts to retain additional judges in order to relieve the backlog. Then trials won't be scheduled so far out and/or get bumped when the trial date approaches.
- ▶ **This is the best advice I have been given:** You only get two days to sulk and feel sorry for yourself after you lose a case; after that, you shake it off and it is business as usual.
- ▶ **I would share this with new lawyers:** When you start hating the law, it's time to find a different profession.
- ▶ **Traits I admire in other attorneys:** The desire and intent to amicably resolve a case instead of incurring unnecessary litigation expense; courteous signs of respect and professionalism; great oral presentation and/or demeanor in court.
- ▶ **I would give this advice to a first-year law student:** Savor the next three years of your life and make lasting connections with your law-school classmates, as they will be your future colleagues; absorb as much information as you can from your classes, as you never know when it may come in handy.
- ▶ **Someone whose opinion matters to me:** My mother. Females are not looked at as being the breadwinner and/or employed in a "profession" in Cambodia. It's therefore important to me to show my mother that females can hold a position in a predominantly male-run profession, and that we can be the sole financial provider in a family unit.
- ▶ **People living or from the past I would like to invite to a dinner party:** Maya Angelou and Oprah Winfrey. Maya Angelou because she comes across as such a deep, enriching person that I find inspiring. Oprah Winfrey because she has been such a dominating figure in television, journalism, politics, etc. I would be fascinated to find out how she keeps it all together and continues to be successful after all these years.
- ▶ **I am most proud of this:** Running my first marathon in Kona, Hawaii in 2005.
- ▶ **I am most happy when** I'm shopping!
- ▶ **Best stress reliever:** Running, dragon boating, biking, hiking, swimming.
- ▶ **A book I recommend reading:** *Rich Dad, Poor Dad* by Robert Kiyosaki.
- ▶ **What keeps me awake at night:** Cases that have significant liability and damage disputes.
- ▶ **Currently playing on my iPod/CD player/record player:** Rascal Flatts's newest CD, *Nothing Like This*.
- ▶ **I can't live without:** Sweets such as ice cream, cookies, and cakes. And French fries.
- ▶ **The hardest part of my job:** Dealing with aggressive, demeaning, difficult, rude attorneys.
- ▶ **The best part of my job:** Winning a case and seeing my clients with tears of joy.



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