

Proust Questionnaire

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How did you get involved in international arbitration? My first exposure to arbitration was working on a large telecommunications arbitration as a trainee.

What is your favourite virtue? Kindness

What are your favourite qualities in another person? Integrity and wit

What is your chief characteristic? Grit

What is your main fault? Restlessness

What is your favourite occupation? Writer

What is your idea of happiness? A long road cycle and an ocean swim

What is your idea of misery? Being stuck indoors on a beautiful day

If not yourself, who would you be? A playwright

Where would you like to live? By the sea

Who is your favourite prose author? Hemingway

Who is your favourite hero/heroine in fiction? Sunja in *Pachinko*

Who is your hero in real life? My grandmother

What historical person do you most dislike? Those that ruled through cruelty

What is your favourite name? My Chinese name

What do you hate the most? Injustice

What is your natural talent? Finding humour in the everyday

What is your favourite arbitration-related decision? The ones I have worked on as counsel

Who is your favourite arbitrator? There are many

Who is your mentor? I have been fortunate to have had several at different stages of my career

What is your motto? A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor

What do you hope to contribute to Young ICCA as Mentoring Co-Director? I aim to continue the work of my predecessors in facilitating opportunities for growth within the programme, and creating real impact on mentees. In addition, I hope to promote greater accessibility for young practitioners across the globe regardless of background and circumstance, and ensure that the programme continues to be relevant and engaging for mentees.