

Proust Questionnaire

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How did you get involved in international arbitration? My first job was at a Venezuelan law firm called D'Empaire Reyna, where we acted as local counsel assisting foreign law firms in investment arbitrations against Venezuela.

What is your favourite virtue? Honesty.

What are your favourite qualities in another person? Kindness.

What is your chief characteristic? I have been told that I am very determined person.

What is your main fault? I would like to be more patient.

What is your favourite occupation? Doctors. I have enormous respect for that profession.

What is your idea of happiness? Having inner peace with your decisions and accepting the things you cannot control.

What is your idea of misery? Having unsatiable expectations.

If not yourself, who would you be? A football player, obviously.

Where would you like to live? London at some point in my life for the experience; Caracas to settle down.

Who is your favourite prose author? George Orwell.

Who is your favourite hero/heroine in fiction? Harry Potter.

Who is your hero in real life? María Corina Machado.

What historical person do you most dislike? Hugo Chávez.

What is your favourite name? Margarita.

What do you hate the most? In people, I do not appreciate hypocrisy. In life in general, I am terrified of large moths.

What is your natural talent? I have an abnormal sense of smell, which can be a blessing and a curse.

What is your favourite arbitration-related decision? Salini v. Morocco, because it gives me a lot of material for my classes.

Who is your favourite arbitrator? David Arias.

Who is your mentor? Hard to choose because I have been very fortunate to have so many people help me and guide me throughout my career. However, if I had to narrow it down, I would say José Humberto Frías, Manuel Casas and Pierre Tercier.

What is your motto? Find your happiness, whatever that might be.

What do you hope to contribute to Young ICCA as Scholarship co-Director? I hope to be a bridge for people in need so they can have the opportunity to study in extraordinary places and launch their careers in arbitration.