

## Proust Questionnaire

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**How did you get involved in international arbitration?** I took an introduction to international dispute resolution class with Professor Petra Butler when I was in my fourth year of my law degree at Victoria. One of our first lectures was on international arbitration. I was immediately drawn to the flexibility of the process, in contrast to traditional litigation, and the potential for arbitration to resolve access to justice issues both for small scale disputes, and, pose a peaceful means of conflict resolution for larger scale disputes.

**What are your favourite qualities in another person?** Someone funny who also finds me funny. If you laugh at my answers to this questionnaire I will want to be friends.

**What is your chief characteristic?** Grace, style, elegance and above all, humility

**What is your main fault?** Difficult to say because I'm perfect, but sometimes I forget to make my bed in the morning.

**What is your idea of happiness?** Corn chips, salsa and a spicy margarita.

**What is your idea of misery?** Assembling flat pack furniture.

**If not yourself, who would you be?** Sofia Richie

**Where would you like to live?** Anywhere sunny, close to the ocean, with good café culture and decent public transport. I have yet to experience a city with all four – recommendations welcome.

**Who is your favourite prose author?** Famed songstress, inspirational speaker and cultural icon RuPaul Charles

**Who is your favourite hero/heroine in fiction?** Lucy Liu as Alex Munday in Charlie's Angels

**Who is your hero in real life?** Cher

**What do you hate the most?** Slow walkers and chronic interrupters.

**What is your natural talent?** I have a good sense of rhythm and I always get my winged eyeliner right on the first try.

**What is your favourite arbitration-related decision?** *Government of Sudan v Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army*

**Who is your favourite arbitrator?** I may be slightly biased (as he was my supervisor for my honours thesis!), but the incomparable Professor Campbell McLachlan will always rank highly for me.

**Who is your mentor?** The amazing community of women in the New Zealand arbitration industry who I look up to – Lauren Lindsay, Dr Anna Kirk and Polly Pope to name a few.

**What is your motto?** Turn failures into blessings by processing them as learning moments rather than losing moments.