



FOR THE RECORD

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ON THE STAND

Marcel Proust was a French intellectual and writer who is famous for what is now known as the Proust questionnaire, a popular party game during his time. In "On the Stand," area attorneys are put on the spot about their lives, thoughts, values and experiences, and the responses are printed, largely unedited.

INTERVIEW WITH KEVIN MURPHY

By Hadley Ajana
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From the time he was a child Kevin Murphy knew he wanted to be an attorney. He was in high school when his mother, now his law partner at Murphy Jones LLP, transitioned from nurse to attorney. Watching her succeed in law school gave him the confidence to know he could achieve his dream. Kevin graduated from the University of California, San Diego and California Western School of Law. Prior to founding Murphy Jones LLP, Kevin practiced as an associate attorney at Morris Sullivan & Lemkul LLP in the areas of construction defect, personal injury and medical malpractice litigation. He currently represents healthcare professionals before State Administrative Boards and practices civil litigation in both California and Nevada. Kevin donates his services as a child advocate with the Children's Attorney Project of the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada and also represents clients pro bono in mental-health conservatorship proceedings with the Short Foundation Legal Center in San Diego.

What is your present state of mind?

Right now (laughing)?...Enlightened.

What do you love about the law?

I love that it is dynamic and it is constantly evolving to serve society's needs and progress.

What about the practice of law has surprised you, if anything?

I guess the incivility of some opposing counsel. I grew up with two attorneys, my mom and my step father. They were good attorneys. I never anticipated some of the dirty tactics of opposing counsel.

Where would you like to live if not San Diego?

Costa Rica...the surfing is phenomenal.

What is your idea of earthly happiness?

I defer to Thich Nhat Hanh: mindful contentment in every waking moment. That is the goal.

What do you regard as the lowest depth of misery?

Complete lack of love.

To what faults do you feel most indulgent?

Someone once said your biggest faults are also your greatest attributes, so I would probably say my high energy and ambition. They serve me well, but at the same time they can frustrate a lot of interactions because I am always a couple of steps ahead and focusing on the end goal instead of focusing on the present situation at hand.

What is your greatest virtue?

It would probably be empathy.

What is your most marked characteristic?

Oh, I'm sure my personality, boisterous nature.

What do you value most in a friend?

I think trustworthiness and a sense of humor.

What natural gift would you most like to possess?

Telepathy.

Who would you have liked to be?

Myself without all the mistakes.

What qualities do you most admire in a man?

Honesty, integrity, and compassion.

What quality do you most admire in a woman?

I would probably say the same: caring and compassionate.

Who are your fictional heroes?

Austin Powers...and probably Alice from Alice in Wonderland.

Do you have a personal motto?

You can't go wrong with the golden rule. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

"Fundamental Considerations in Forming a Nonprofit Organization" – Webinar

On October 20, 2010, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Bar Center, the YNLD/NLD will be presenting a webinar on the fundamental inquiries that a new practitioner would likely receive from a client interested in forming a non-profit organization and specifically, a 501(c)(3). The speakers will be Marco A. Torres, Esq. and Rafael Castellanos, Esq. Join the live program from the convenience of your office or home, using a computer for the web portion and telephone for the audio portion. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

IALOGUE ON DIVERSITY

Please join the SDCBA and NLD at the annual CLE and networking event, "Dialogue on Diversity," on Thursday, October 21 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event is presented by the Ethnic Relations and Diversity Committee and New Lawyer Division and in partnership with Association of Corporate Counsel-SD and the California Minority Counsel Program. The program will feature Dr. Arin Reeves of Nextions, and panelists Judge David Rubin, San Diego County Superior Court; Mazda Antia, a Partner at Cooley Godward LLP; and Joan Stafliien, Executive Vice President, General Counsel of CareFusion. The event will feature a discussion on "Generational Diversity and Leadership" issues. Dialogue on Diversity is free and includes a networking reception with hosted beverages and light appetizers. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

NLD'S COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Dress for Success and Second Chance Suit Drive

During October and November, YNLD/NLD will be hosting a suit drive to benefit Dress for Success San Diego and Second Chance, two non-profit organizations that provide interview appropriate attire to low income men and women seeking economic self-sufficiency. Bring clean, ready-to-wear, current style, conservative skirt suits, pant suits, blouses, new hosiery, shoes, costume jewelry and accessories to the SDCBA. Suits can be dropped off in the donation box at the Bar Center located at 1333 Seventh Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday until November 30, 2010. For further information about Dress for Success, see www.dressforsuccess.org or Second Chance at <http://www.secondchanceprogram.org/donate.html>.

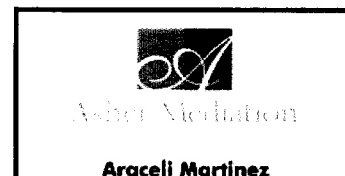
A NEW LOOK FOR THE "NEW LAWYERS DIVISION"

Please be advised that the YNLD will be changing its name to the "New Lawyers Division" or "NLD" for short. This change will be announced over the next few months and the official change-over will take place by December 2010.

THE YNLD ON FACEBOOK

You are invited to join the YNLD/NLD Facebook group. On Facebook, please search "Young New Lawyers Division of the San Diego County Bar Association." The purpose of the YNLD/NLD Facebook group is to promote our organization and publicize upcoming events.

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