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TWENTY QUESTIONS

Each issue we are giving readers a glimpse into the lives and interests of legal professionals through a series of twenty questions and answers. Each issue will feature a different professional responding to the same twenty questions.

This issue's profile features David Koob, one of our very own professors at NHCC.

1: What is your name?

A: David J. Koob.

2: What is your title/position?

A: Attorney at Donna Law Firm and Adjunct Professor of the Paralegal Program

3: What has been your largest success or achievement (academically or professionally)?

A: Helping others. The law is all about service to others and helping others is my greatest achievement.

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“Protect your reputation fiercely. If you lose it, you might never get it back.” – David Koob

PARALEGAL PANEL EVENT

The Paralegal Student Association will be hosting a panel of local attorneys, a law student and a paralegal at NHCC on April 30, 2016. The event will be held in the CBT Grand Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The doors will open at 10:45. Snacks and beverages will be provided and the audience will get to hear from local legal professionals and ask questions.

In between hearing from the panel, drawings will be held for a variety of exciting prizes, including an Amazon Fire tablet and Amazon gift card as well as other gift cards.

Come to enjoy hearing the panel talk about what it like to work in the legal profession and have a chance at winning some great prizes!



Want to Write for Gears of Law?

If you have something you would like to share for the next newsletter, please contact Sonia Nelson at sonia.nelson.7345@my.nhcc.edu

CURRENT EVENTS

- Ex-judge will have to pay fine for ordering defendant shocked <http://www.abajournal.com/news/article/ex-judge-will-have-to-pay-fine-for-ordering-shocking-of-talkative-defendant>
- Smuggler caught by Border Patrol 24 times is sentenced to prison <http://www.cnn.com/2016/03/27/us/smuggler-sentenced-prison/index.html>
- U.S. Supreme Court 4-4 split in Friedrichs v. California http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/15pdf/14-915_1bn2.pdf
- Online legal services present challenges <http://www.highlandstoday.com/hi/local-news/online-legal-services-present-challenges-bar-association-president-says-20160409/>
- Apple – Justice Department standoff over iPhone goes on in New York <http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2016/04/08/473423254/apple-justice-department-standoff-over-iphone-access-goes-on-in-new-york>
- Judge throws out Patriots fans' lawsuit over 'Deflategate' punishment <http://www.nydailynews.com/sports/football/judge-rejects-pats-fans-deflategate-lawsuit-nfl-article-1.2595379>
- Arsonist with selfie video sentenced to 20 years for wildfires http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/arsonist-who-took-selfie-video-sentenced-to-20-years-for-wildfires_us_57093686e4b0885fb50d42e3?ir=Crime§ion=us_crime&utm_hp_ref=crime
- Game of Thrones inspires New York Lawyer to demand trial by combat <http://time.com/3989243/game-of-thrones-lawyer-trial-by-combat/?iid=sr-link2>
- Lawsuit alleges pervasive violence in NYC Schools <http://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2016-04-08/lawsuit-alleges-pervasive-violence-in-nyc-schools?int=9b9e08&int=9d7a08>
- Illegal wind turbine leaves Minnesota green energy entrepreneur in jail <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2015/10/06/windmill-lands-green-energy-entrepreneur-in-clink.html>
- Native American church not excused from cannabis laws <http://www.breakinglegalnews.com/entry/Court-Native-American-church-not-excused-from-cannabis-laws>
- Brother of jackpot rigger in massive lottery scandal arrested <http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/brother-jackpot-rigger-massive-lottery-scandal-arrested-n551941>
- Lawsuit seeking human rights for chimpanzees <http://www.peoplepets.com/people/pets/article/0,,20762493.00.html>
- Passport mark for sex offenders law challenged in court <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/passport-mark-for-sex-offenders-law-challenged-in-court/ar-BBr6LRW>

TWENTY QUESTIONS CONTINUED

4: What is the biggest challenge you have faced in regards to the legal profession and how did you overcome it?

A: Lack of work/life balance. I work too hard and don't take enough time for myself. At this point, I wouldn't say I've overcome it but I am working toward balance every day.

5: Do you live by a motto? If so, what is it?

A: "The act of giving is the soul of living."

6: What court case (either past or present) interests you the most? Why?

A: Brown v. Board of Education. #Equality

7: What do you like most about Minnesota?

A: Everything except winter!

8: What do you think the largest change for the legal profession will be in the future?

A: Work/life balance (hopefully). There are an increasing number of legal employers that have begun to implement policies such as phased retirement, compressed schedules, telecommuting, temporary leave, flex-time, part-time work and other alternative work arrangements. Hopefully this will ensure that legal practitioners of the future will be given more work/life flexibility in recognition of their significant workloads.

9: Describe yourself using three words:

A: Ambitions, generous and easy-going.

10: What was your favorite subject in school?

A: History

11: Who is your biggest role model?

A: My dad.

12: Share something people would be surprised to know about you:

A: I'm very shy.

13: What is the number one piece of advice you would give to someone entering the legal profession?

A: Protect your reputation fiercely. If you lost it, you might never get it back.

14: What is your favorite movie?

A: A Few Good Men

15: If you only had one day left to live, what would you do?

A: Spend it with my family.

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16: What is one goal you have for the future?

A: Retire early.

17: What is your favorite book?

A: *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

18: Which country would you like to visit the most if you were given the chance?

A: Brazil

19: If you could give advice to your younger self, what would it be?

A: Enjoy the ride.

20: If you could redo your career and start over, with the option of picking another career, would you redo it?

A: If I could own a fruit stand in Barbados and sell fruit for a living, I would. Otherwise, I would not change a thing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Interested in becoming part of the Paralegal Student Association? Come meet with us! You can get involved in planning future events and be connected with your peers in the program, not to mention adding a great item of interest to your resume.

The meetings will be a chance to enrich your experience in the paralegal program.

The upcoming meeting will be held on April 25th at 9:15-9:45 p.m. in CBT Room 168.

We will also meet over the summer. If interested, please contact the association president, Katie Lawrence katie.lawrence.5690@my.nhcc.edu for summer meeting dates.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

To the paralegal students graduating this spring, we wish you all the best in the future. Graduation marks the culmination of all the hard work you have put in as a student. Enjoy the achievement of your goals!



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