



One on One

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One on One is a weekly feature profiling Clark County business people.

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Why did you pursue a career in law?

This sounds strange, but since the seventh grade I've wanted to go into law. I remember telling my parents that I was going to be the U.S. attorney general. In college, I considered sociology, but legal studies were the most interesting.

What kind of practice do you have?

It's probably 20 percent divorce with the rest other kinds of family law — estate planning, prenuptial agreements, some probate work.

What has it been like, growing up and working in your hometown?

It's great. For the most part, even with all the newcomers, anywhere I go in the community, there's somebody I know.

What advice would you give to someone considering a law degree?

Usually, when people ask me about that I have some sort of sarcastic answer, but overall I completely value the education I got and the career I've chose. My advice is to find a mentor, early on ... someone to talk to after you've had

a bad day in court. My partner, Steve Bogdon, has been an invaluable asset.

What was your best career advice?

Protect your professional reputation. Make sure you behave appropriately and show ethical consideration for your opponents. The same applies to life.

Biggest career mistake?

There haven't been any real mistakes. My biggest challenge is not to take my clients' problems home with me. I rarely talk to my husband about my work.

What do you drive?

A 2000 Jeep Cherokee.

What do you listen to when you're driving?

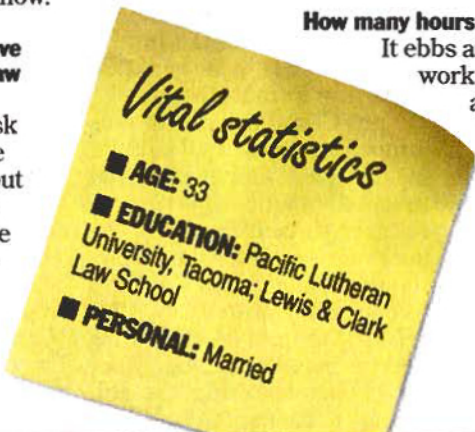
Usually country western. I grew up with that ... Rascal Flatts, Martina McBride.

How many hours are in your typical work day?

It ebbs and flows with the case-work. Usually from about 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Most challenging aspect of the job?

Managing the emotions that clients bring into my office.



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Have you ever feared for your safety?

That's come up a couple of times during some nasty child custody disputes.

What have you read recently for fun?

"The Ice Queen," a biography of Jordan's Queen Noor.

Is there a business decision that you regret?

Not that I can share.

Where do you and your husband vacation?

We have a place in Central Oregon in Sisters. When we get there, I feel myself relax.

First job?

Doing clerical work at my dad's medical clinic.

Favorite restaurant?

Pioneer Street Cafe in Ridgefield. It's low-keyed, friendly with good food.

Is the American dream alive?

What is the American dream? I think it's changed. But I'd say there's still plenty of opportunity and plenty of examples of people who have success.

Any advice for someone thinking of a divorce?

Be prepared for anything. You just never know your spouse until you divorce them.