

AAML October 2019 Meet This Fellow Questionnaire



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1. What is your favorite Fall activity?

Hiking with our dogs in the New England woods, breathing in the crisp autumn air. Actually, not really – aside from going to the gym, we are all sort of homebodies. Netflix, Doordash, having people over for drinks and barbecue are more usual activities for us than extended walks in the forest.

2. If you were an animal, which would you be and why?

I would be our well-loved dog Patches, a 14-year-old hound mix.

He spends the day contentedly sleeping, sniffing, eating, and looking out the window. Sounds like a pretty good life for a creature without a human brain.

3. What's your favorite aspect of being a matrimonial lawyer?

My practice is about half mediation and half traditional representation. In mediation, particularly, I enjoy navigating the psychodynamics of the parties and helping them come to agreement.

4. What would your autobiography be titled and why?

My parents moved us to Florence, Italy in 1969 where we stayed until 1976 – all of us Americans living in this wonderful city for many years. A snappy title for my autobiography eludes me at this point but, these years having been formative to my development, the title would certainly be a riff on my Italian years.

5. What are the first three things you would buy if you won the lottery?

"Give it all to charity" might be the best answer. But I would probably do something more selfish like renovate our house and buy a plane.

6. What actor would star as you in your biopic?

When I was in college and had more of an early eighties curly hairstyle, it might have been Tom Hanks of the same period. Not sure who would play me today – although my wife remarked that a recent DMV photo made me look like a female East German gymnast.

7. If you could have one superpower, what would it be?

The power to make unreasonable people settle their cases would be a nice superpower. Or invisibility – that would be cool too.

8. Do you have any hidden talents?

What are they? I just learned how to make the perfect hard-boiled egg.