

Doug Richards: *The one thing that I despise more than anything in life are bullies. I have so many clients that are bullied. They are bullied by police. They're bullied by prosecutors. They get bullied by judges. I don't put up with that.*

Drew Eddy: *Doug is the type of attorney that really thinks outside the box. The nice thing about it is when a complicated issue, or a strategic issue comes up, we can collaborate. There's no better person to do that with.*

Dianna Matsuda: *He's an excellent lawyer. Very thoughtful, very intelligent, very smart, knows the law, and fights very hard for his clients.*

Doug Richards: *I became an attorney entirely by accident. I had always enjoyed arguing, essentially litigating but just between my friends or family members, or whatever. Someone suggested, 'You should go to law school.' I never even considered it. I started working in a law firm before applying to law school.*

I thought, 'Wow, this is really amazing. These guys do this ever single day.' By accident again, I end up at the DA's office in Harris County. I got there because a friend of mine had an internship there. He didn't have enough time to continue working the internship.

He said, "Do you want the job?" I went in there and was completely seduced by the courtroom and criminal law. You couldn't pull me out of there. What started off as a pure accidental sort of stumbling into a career turned into my dream job, because every single day, I get to go to court.

I represent people one at a time. When I represent people one at a time, I get to know them. I get to know their spouses. I get to know their brothers and sisters, and their parents, and their friends. These cases, they don't just start and finish in a week or two weeks. Sometimes these cases last over a year. I really get to experience life through my clients, and I get to consequently become a part of their life.

After a case is over, I still stay in touch with so many of my former clients. I find that part of what I do extremely rewarding, because I truly get to see where a client comes to me at rock bottom. I get to walk them through that experience, and bring them out of it. If I don't do it personally, I help them get out of that experience that they're having. To me, that's something that is so rewarding and gets me up every single day.