

PAYAM SALJOUGHIAN

ASSOCIATE

Payam's practice focuses on transactional and litigation matters for the firm's health care clients. While in law school, Payam worked as a legal intern in the Office of General Counsel for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

CHILDHOOD:

Payam grew up in Moraga, California. He lived there until college when he moved to Santa Cruz to attend UC Santa Cruz. After undergrad he came back to the Bay Area for law school, attending UC Hastings and has been here ever since.

FIRST JOB:

Working as a soccer referee when he was 12 or 13 years old for little kids' games

FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEING AN ATTORNEY:

The point that no two fact patterns are ever the same. Every project is different and unique.

LEAST FAVORITE PART OF THE JOB:

Having emails come through that need immediate attention, regardless of the day or the time.

WHAT'S YOUR BIGGEST PET PEEVE?

Bad grammar. Especially misuse of the words your/you're, and their/there/they're.

SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU:

Payam is Iranian. Generally people assume that he is Armenian because of the "ian" finishing his last name.



IF YOU WEREN'T A LAWYER YOU WOULD BE...

Working as a swim coach. Payam swam competitively through college and was a coach from the time he was 14 until 21. He coached for club teams ages 4 through 18 years old and loved it. If money were not a concern he would like to go back to it.

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET?:

He would most like to meet Lance Armstrong. More than anything he would like to be able to meet and *interview* Lance Armstrong.

FAVORITE WAY TO SPEND FREE TIME:

CrossFit. It is a release for him. He goes between 5 and 6 days a week, either before or after work and really enjoys it.

FAVORITE BAY AREA DESTINATION:

Santa Cruz. It brings back great memories from when he was in college, and also is just a beautiful city.

FAVORITE RESTAURANT:

Kokkari in San Francisco.

WHICH WORDS OR PHRASES DO YOU MOST OVERUSE?:

Payam finds himself saying "ridiculous" way too much and also thinks he is guilty of saying "like" a lot.

LAST PLACE YOU VACATIONED:

Payam went to Kona on the big Island of Hawaii with his family.

WHERE WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO LIVE?

San Diego. It is the only place outside of the Bay Area he could see himself living.

FAVORITE MOVIE:

Currently Pitch Perfect. He has seen it 3 times in the last month. Payam's all-time favorites are Rocky IV and Dumb and Dumber.

DO YOU TWEET?

Yes. @payamsal

WHAT'S ON YOUR IPOD?

Dubstep such as Skrillex, Deadmau5, Knife Party, and 3LAU.