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Okay, Judith, I'll bite (and by the way, if you're pompous or condescending, you've sure kept it hidden from me!):

BIRTHDATE: March 21

AGE: 40

EYE COLOR: Brown

HAIR COLOR: Dark brown with about 50 grays covered courtesy of L'Oreal, because I'm worth it.

HAIR STYLE: Wouldn't call it a style, really, shoulder-length layered mess.

HEIGHT: 5'3"

WEIGHT: Er, none-ya, let's just say "headed downward."

FAVORITES

COLORS: Cobalt blue

FOOD: Steak, anything with alfredo sauce

DRINK: Soft drinks: Pepsi, but now I drink mostly Fresca; hard stuff: margaritas and girly frou-frou drinks, preferably with vodka, but only rarely!

MUSIC: Anything and everything, most eclectic MP3 files you ever saw. No gangsta rap or opera, though.

MODE OF TRANSPORTATION: 2004 Hyundai Sonata; just changed my vanity plate from an MT reference to a lawyer reference. :)

SMOKES? Never!

HOBBIES: I'd almost forgotten what they were the past few years, but I'm

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rediscovering that they are music (play piano and still working on learning fiddle/violin), needlework (mostly cross-stitch or crochet), reading (mostly mysteries), certain television programs and movies, and decorating (about to redo my office in Asian!)

SPORTS: Um...not very coordinated. I used to like gymnastics, and I suppose I'll be forced to take up golf in my new career. LOL

HOW DO I SPEND A RAINY DAY: Until recently, driving on the interstate and going to class. Now I would just lie around listening and hoping for a really good thunderstorm – those are the BEST.

BACKGROUND: Scotch, Irish and Cherokee.

HOMETOWN: Southern tip of West by-golly Virginia.

TYPE OF CHILDHOOD: Stable and happy with few exceptions; my daddy built me a playhouse and a great jungle gym, so my house was the "Kool-Aid" house where all the kids played. Lived in the same house until I was 18. Loved school more than anything, took piano lessons, tormented my little brother – the usual.

EDUCATION: Graduated high school in 1983, took the next 20 years to get a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 2003, and just graduated from Washington and Lee University School of Law with J.D. a week ago!

OCCUPATION: Medical transcriptionist, research paralegal, mom, hoping to be attorney soon.

ORGANIZATIONS: American Bar Association, no others at the moment – haven't had time!

ACHIEVEMENTS: Raised a 19-year-old who hasn't had any major stumbles yet; married 11 years this Friday (that took a couple of tries to get it right); survived law school.

DISEASES/HANDICAPS: No attention span whatsoever (I should be studying for the bar right now!)

FAMILY

MOTHER: Role model; career woman before that was cool; very strong personality; loves to travel. Raised 2 children mostly by herself. Striking resemblance to Carol Burnett in the 1970s.

FATHER: Coal miner; built most of the house I grew up in; drank a lot so my mother divorced him when I was 8; died at 53 of an MI. Striking resemblance to Roy Clark. I look just like him, except my boobs are bigger. :)

SIBLINGS: One brother, 32; married a woman who thought "forsaking all

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others" included his family, so I don't hear from him any more. One half-brother, 48; lives in another state.

TRAITS: Stubborn but hate conflict; dark and sarcastic sense of humor; few close friends but very loyal to them.

GREATEST FEAR(S): Being squashed by a tractor trailer on the interstate.

MOST AT EASE WHEN: At home or riding on a roller coaster. :)

MOST ILL AT EASE WHEN: Confronting personal conflict (although I love the conflict of a courtroom)

SOFT SPOT: Babies, animals, people who suffer abuse.

OPTIMIST OR PESSIMIST? Optimist, definitely.

INTROVERT OR EXTROVERT? Can be either, depending on the circumstance.

MOTIVATIONS: Personal fulfillment, achievement, love of family and friends. Definitely NOT money, as I doubt now I'll ever have any!

SKILLED AT: Transcription, music (though I'm rusty, but I'll get back in practice), games shows/puzzles/trivia, legal writing.

UNSKILLED AT: Sports, sports, sports. Sciences.

HABITS: No smoking or (much) drinking. I chew my lip! I used to bite my nails. I eat when I'm nervous.

REGIONAL DIALECT: Southern with a touch of hillbilly creeping in if I'm in the area.

EMOTIONAL STABILITY: Depends on who you ask and what day of the month it is.

ATTITUDES/PREJUDICES: Racial prejudice makes me want to vomit. Very prejudiced against mean, abusive, and/or judgmental people, though.

MARRIED/DIVORCED/SINGLE: I've been all 3, but I'm married now and looking to stay that way.

CHILDREN? One son, 19, blond and blue-eyed, spit and image of his daddy, looks nothing like me.

HOW DO I REACT IN A CRISIS? Depends on the crisis. Confrontation: avoid at all costs, but I'm working on it. Something that needs to be done

ASAP: That's when I'm best able to get it done, at the last minute.

Tragedy or injury: I go into practical mode and try to take care of things.

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HOW DO I FACE PROBLEMS? By trying to fix them, even if they aren't fixable.

HOW DO I REACT TO CHANGE? Apparently, very well, since I keep creating it! LOL