

GETTING TO KNOW—RICHARD PARKER

How long have you been with Telecom?

5 years.

What is your current role in GLCS?

General Manager, HR Service Delivery & Employment Relations.

What did you do before GLCS?

Eight years as corporate counsel at Fletcher Challenge and three years at Chapman Tripp in litigation.

Sum your job up in 20 words or less:

Responsible for employment law advice, first line HR advice (ASK HR function), HR for the Corporate Groups and HR Systems.

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

An obscure impecunious author who was forever known as the second best batsman in schoolboy cricket. Damn that Mark Beder guy!!

What's the last movie you watched?

If I told you the actual film I might get in trouble with HR so let's just say it was An Education.

What are you reading at the moment?

Same as everyone else in GLCS – First Edition – what an amazing book! When I'm not reading that, Solar by Ian McEwan and whatever Vanessa Oakley has lent me.

What's on your iPod?

Lady Gaga, the Killers, Kings Of Leon, Junipah, The Feelers, Katy Perry, Nathan King, Coldplay.

Skill you'd most like to have?

The ability to not make a com-

plete dick of myself on the dance floor – I avoid the dance floor like the ebola virus!

What do you like most about your job?

The variety of the work and the people.

What one word would you use to describe yourself?

Passionate.

What are you most proud of?

Getting to play cricket with the greatest batsman in the history of schoolboy cricket – Mark Beder.

One thing about you few people know?

Identical twin who works for Optus in Sydney.

One thing you could not live without?

E! Channel and alcohol.

How do you relax?

The E! Channel and alcohol.

Cat or dog person?

Dog.

Favourite food?

Subway 1 footer with tuna, avocado, cheese, lettuce, tomato and pickle.

Dream holiday destination?

Big Apple followed by watching a Yankees-Red Sox game at Fenway Park in Boston followed by Martha's Vineyard.

Favourite things to do on a weekend?

Spreading the Sunday papers out on the floor and reading the gossip/social sections while eating



pancakes. And watching my eldest daughter play hockey.

Who's your role model?

Hank Moody from Californication.

Life's motto?

"Tis' better to live your own life imperfectly than to imitate someone else's perfectly."

What's your greatest achievement?

Having two beautiful daughters one of whom has a reckless disregard for authority figures.