

1.If anything was possible, what would your dream job be, and why?

If anything was possible, I would still want to become a lawyer. I've always wanted to become one since I was a kid. I've seen how great lawyers give justice to those who need it. I've also seen great lawyers turn unfavorable outcomes into favorable ones. Being able to do these things would give me pride and joy over anything else. I am however not fond of the justice system here in the Philippines as it mostly favors those who are powerful. Those who are powerless are condemned to a life of injustice and unfair treatment. The problem is that when you have power you can gain a great deal of advantages in court rulings. Then there's the problem with corrupt politicians. I'm not saying that I can change all these if I become a lawyer, however there needs to be a start somewhere, somehow and somewhen. That is why I would still choose to become a lawyer.

2. Have you ever experienced a stressful situation in your past workplace (college if fresh graduate), what was it and how did you overcome it?

As my previous workplace was a utility company, it was prone to issues and problems that led to consumer complaints piling up within a week. One of the more stressful times I experienced while I was there was when typhoon Odette came in. Total blackout ensued within cities under the jurisdiction of the company and that made most consumers emotional to a fault. I was the one tasked to handle consumer complaints during this time. I, mind you, am not versed in any troubleshooting knowledge whatsoever. I had to answer complaints about why a particular post is down, why an area is not receiving power – all things which I had no expertise in. I had to make up answers on the fly which forced me to use up most of my brain power during a day's shift. It was never easy during that time but it was great how I learned so much about myself.

3. In your previous position, what task did you find most challenging and why? What task did you enjoy most and why?

I had many tasks assigned to me during my stay with my previous company. One of which was handling complaints on a daily basis. Handling billing complaints, was one of the harder ones. It required effective communication – which at that I was still developing mine. However, as most challenges go when you are able to surpass them, my time there made me grow. It helped my developed communication skills that I could still use everywhere else I go. The task was hard, no doubt, but it was one of the more enjoyable experiences I've had during my lifetime. It fostered a great deal of communication skills which I thought was impossible for me. I say impossible because I am and introvert and I would love to be alone most of the time. However, I also understand that you can't work without other people present. I am grateful for my time over there as it showed mt how to communicate better. I am, however, not an expert. I would still love to continue to grow and foster these skills.

4. How would your previous managers/coworkers describe you?

Although I was technically a secretary for our Area Manager, I mostly worked with the people outside her office. I guess most of them would describe me as friendly guy. That maybe because I was the youngest within the office. I tended to become their younger brother and I guess they mostly treated me like that. Workwise they would always praise me for my ability to find fault within files that they would make and find solutions for those. Clerical work was one of the main focuses of my stay there and I guess that is already a part of the job. Also, one of my coworkers praised me for my diligence with my work. I tried to always pass the reports on time and would, most of the time, deliver. There are times however, that no matter how hard you try to meet a deadline you will always fall behind.

5. What personal or professional accomplishments are you most proud of?

Personally, I am quite proud that I lost weight during the past few months of the pandemic. I was able to regain my previous endurance. I was an endurance swimmer before and I guess that losing one of the qualities you fostered during high school irked me. During my time swimming I am also very proud that I was able to reach nationals. It created a sense of achievement within me. I didn't do great while I was there but just being able to go there made me feel accomplished. I would love to go back to that time if at all possible.

Professionally, CENECO presented me with a Certificate of Appreciation for my work done during the rehabilitation period after typhoon Odette struck. It goes to say that having your hard work recognized makes you happy.

Now, these achievements are not the greatest but they're here to stay. I do plan on adding more to these in the near future though.