



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

I do not have a dream job per se, but I do have a dream business. I want to own an investment firm focused on the equity market and real estate. This is where I pool the money or capital from different investors and use the proceeds to buy securities and properties. The business will then be profitable through capital appreciation, dividends, and rent.

I want this to be my dream job/business in the future because the securities and real estate markets are my passion. As an economics graduate, I love to research and read articles about these two (2) markets and would like to create my own valuations of them. I also like the fact that it can potentially give me and others, particularly my investors, a big return on our investment that could allow us to attain financial freedom. These markets are also exciting for me as they carry certain risks and I love to evaluate risks and hedge them.

All in all, I want to have an investment firm because I love doing it, I have the skills, I find meaning in it, and I see the potential financial gain it can offer.

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 a fresh graduate, a stressful situation during my college years was juggling the different events and things to do at a particular time. There was a week that I needed to work on my thesis, prepare for an inter-school debate, study for my exams, create reports for my school organization, and manage my side-business. I was overwhelmed and stressed by all the workload that I had, but I pushed through it through time management, journaling, and increasing my work ethic.

In order for me to manage my time efficiently, I have to write down the actual work and the breakdown of tasks with time stamps. I make sure to journal, realign tasks with my goals, and instill discipline to improve my work ethic. Lastly, I cut out all my distractions and focused solely on my tasks at hand, with reasonable break hours that I use to refresh and sharpen the mind.



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

During my internship at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), there were a lot of tasks that were given to me, and I learned a lot from them, whether they were challenging or enjoyable.

The most challenging task I did on my internship was to help clients register their stock or non-stock corporations with SEC on my own. I was assigned this task and stationed alone in the SEC booth in one of the malls here in Bacolod and I am the one that will run them through the entire registration process. I find this task challenging because I need to deal with people, especially with their complaints, anger, and if they do not understand the process.

On the other hand, the task I enjoyed the most was when me and the team were conducting talks about investments and securities. I like it a lot because I love to publicly speak about my passion and what I advocate.

4. How would your past colleagues or managers describe your work ethic?

The director of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) would often give us feedback about our work and tasks at hand. She would most often give me positive feedback about my work, and she would always say to me "you do things above and beyond without expecting something in return". Wherein, I would always thank her for the trust she gives me and that I promise to stay consistent with my work ethic.

My colleagues would most often trust me to be the leader on projects at work and I ensure to lead and guide them properly. I also work with them instead of just assigning them tasks and checking their progress from time to time.

All in all, my work ethic and discipline when it comes to work is good enough that the people around me, especially my manager and colleagues, trust me to lead the task on hand, and ensure its successful delivery.



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

It cannot be ignored that one of my accomplishments that I am proud of is graduating from my double degree course. The hardship of taking in more units and having more projects finally paid off, and it was all worth it for me. I also completed my course with the fact that I love it and the subjects under it.

I am also proud of being the best thesis in our department and became a Philippine Stock Exchange research finalist. My passion for research and numbers was also recognized by these awards. With the recognition, I will continue my study in mathematics, especially in data analytics and statistics.

Lastly, I am also proud with my side businesses of investing wherein I grew my portfolio for more than 50% within three (3) years of market exposure, wherein, it is a relatively high return compared to the national index fund here in the Philippines.