



Grab a cup of tea and talk history with Michael Hawash. Just don't challenge him to a game of *Beat Saber*.

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I can't go a day without ... English breakfast tea

If you were in my office, you'd ... think you were in a military history museum.

When I was a newbie lawyer I ... was fortunate to be mentored by some of the best litigators and trial lawyers. Any success I have enjoyed is directly attributable to them.

The lawyer I most admire is ... my law partner and colleague for over 27 years, Walter Cicack. When it comes to politics, let's just say we don't see eye to eye. However, he is a damn fine lawyer!

I wish more lawyers would ... mediate at the beginning of the case instead of the end.

My career high point (so far) has been ... being the first mediator in Texas to be certified in the expanding field of early dispute resolution.

If I weren't a lawyer, I'd be ... a university professor of history.

When I win a case, I celebrate by ... congratulating the entire trial team with an expensive dinner and open bar tab. Victory is seldom achieved alone.

The SCOTUS justice I'd like to meet is ... Sandra Day O'Connor. One of my partners clerked for her and she sounds like a fascinating woman.

The SCOTUS decision I'd overturn is ... *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*. The ill effects of *Citizens United* will pollute politics for generations.

I can't believe more people haven't read ... *Replay* by Ken Grimwood, a quasi-science fiction yarn that poses the question: "What if I knew then what I know now?"

My fictional hero is ... Bilbo Baggins, who exhibits many traits I most admire: cleverness, courage, compassion, doggedness, and determination in the face of adversity.

My real-life hero is ... the Greatest Generation.

On weekends I ... spend every minute I can with my lovely wife and wonderful children.

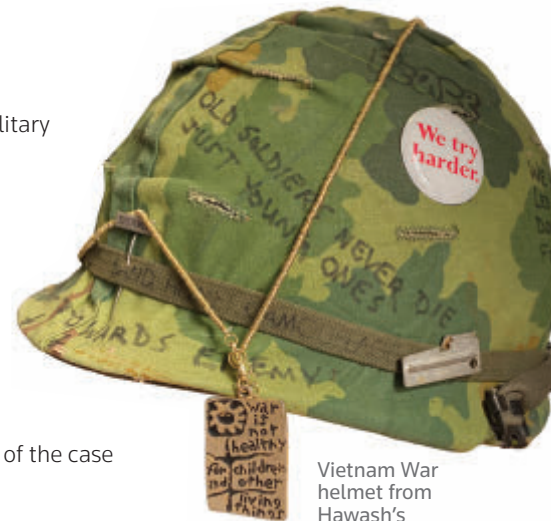
My most bizarre talent is ... I can beat my kids at the virtual reality game *Beat Saber*!

The movie line I quote most often is ... "Luke, I am your father." (My son's name is Luke.)

The last TV show I binge-watched was ... *Vikings*. All six intrigue-filled, blood-drenched, barbaric seasons.

My favorite phrase is ... "It's over!" Which is what I tell litigants at the end of a successful mediation.

If I had a time machine ... I wouldn't set the date to travel to any time in 2020.

Vietnam War
helmet from
Hawash's
collection