

DANIEL K. ANGELO TOPP MINARDI

If all the world's a stage, the spotlight shines brightest on the courtroom.

"I love being in court," stresses criminal defence lawyer Daniel K. Topp. "Court's like a stage, and we all have a role. I'm in the courtroom every day as a trial lawyer, and I love everything about it; it's adrenaline to me."

As you can see, he certainly looks the part. Now in his 20th year, Topp knows the importance of looking good in a courtroom. "As a trial lawyer, the way you present yourself to the judge and public is important," explains Topp. "It represents who you are. Looking good is part of the winning solution, which is why I like to look good."

When the pandemic hit, Topp Law quickly evolved to meet the needs of its clients. "It's like a brave new world in the court system. They've dragged us into the 21st century. My associate, Angelo Minardi, excelled at helping us with the unexpected transition."

Minardi articulated with Topp Law and, after he was called to the bar last May, he hit the ground running. "Even though he's young, he's gaining a lot of experience right now," says Topp, president of the Criminal Lawyers Association. "He's been an integral part of my practice. He's the perfect fit."

"What appealed to me about being a lawyer, especially a criminal lawyer, was just the nature of the job. It's fun and challenging," explains Minardi. He had the opportunity to work in Michigan after law school but ultimately decided that Windsor, his hometown, is where he belongs. "I look at Windsor as a place full of potential. I'm passionate about Windsor, and I love it here. It's a unique place to practice law as opposed to other jurisdictions because we have the Canada-U.S. border."

Minardi knows that any leg up you can get will help you succeed. "This job is adversarial and competitive. So I think looking sharp is extremely important. Not even just in front of a judge, but for your clients and for opposing counsel as well. That's something Daniel taught me. It's a serious job, and you've got to dress the part."

An outspoken Tigers fan and classic car collector away from work, Topp is looking forward to when they can get back into the courtroom. "Even though we're stuck in the office, business casual does not exist in our realm. We're still in three-piece suits every day, taking it very seriously. Even though many things have relaxed during the pandemic, with the serious nature of our profession, we still need to dress the part when seeing our clients or standing before a judge via Zoom."

If you've been charged or have reason to believe you might be charged with a criminal offence, you need strong representation to protect yourself from fines, additional charges, civil suits, and damage to your reputation — not to mention jail time. Topp Law is available 24/7, and initial consultations are always free.



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What Daniel's Wearing:
Suit: Made To Measure Copley
Shirt: Eton
Tie: Canali
Shoes: Mezlan

What Angelo's Wearing:
Suit: Made To Measure Copley
Shirt: Eton
Tie: Dion
Shoes: Johnston & Murphy