



CLOSET CONFIDENTIAL

WITH SOME OF THE CITY'S MOST APPEALING ATTORNEYS

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THERE'S NO LIABILITY IN LOVING FASHION. IT'S NOT A CRIME TO HARBOR DESIGNER SHOES. WE DON'T PASS JUDGMENT ON STYLE CHOICES. OKAY, WELL, MAYBE WE DO.

FOR THIS MONTH'S *Closet Confidential*, WE INTERROGATED THREE LAS VEGAS ATTORNEYS IN THEIR CLOSETS REGARDING THEIR LOVE OF FASHION, PROVING BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT THAT THEY HAVE STYLE AND KNOW WHAT WORKS FOR THEM. THERE WAS SO MUCH TO SEE WE COULD HAVE USED A CONTINUANCE BUT, ALAS, OUR DEADLINE LOOMED.

GREAT THANKS TO THESE LOVELY LADIES WHO SHARE THEIR FINDINGS WITH OUR READERS.



AMANDA PERACH

Attorney, McDonald Carano Wilson LLP

How would you describe your style?

I'm classic with a little dash of feminine. I tend to wear very straight, clean lines but I will sometimes throw in flowers or something with an A-line. I generally try to keep my style conservative while showing a bit of my personality through bright colors.

What are your favorite designers or brands?

On the high end, I absolutely love Christian Dior. I am also a big fan of Marni. Marni encompasses my style perfectly -- a simple, modern look with a twist using bright colors or unusual textures.

For work, the majority of my clothing is Tahari. I can always count on Tahari to

fit well without ever having to try anything on. That designer knows women.

Do you have any favorite stores?

Because of my busy schedule, I tend to order most of my clothing online while waiting in line at Starbucks or in between appointments. I do most of my shopping on Rue La La and Gilt. They both sell a variety of brands which gives me the opportunity to try out new designers and styles.

What's the most sentimental item in your closet?

I have a solid metal belt that my grandmother used to wear when she was young. I have never seen anything like it before. I like it because it is very unique

and reminds me that good style never ages.

What's the oddest thing in your closet?

I have a handmade blue ostrich clutch from Thailand that is very unusual. I was at a little shop in Chiang Mai and just as I was about to leave, the store owner stopped me and said he had one more thing to show me. It was love at first sight!

How would someone describe the person who lives in this closet?

Professional, classic and bold.

If you could trade closets with anyone, who would it be?

Victoria Beckham epitomizes what I like -- clean, sophisticated style. She's definitely my fashion icon.

What's your go-to outfit?

I wear a lot of dresses, but if I had to pick my one go-to dress, it would be my Dolce & Gabbana LBD. It is very comfy, structured and commanding with a bit of girly flair. I know that sounds like one big oxymoron but I think that is what makes it unique. It has the ability to portray a variety of images.

For casual wear, I very rarely wear jeans. I find sundresses a lot more comfortable. They also are great because I can throw on a pair of heels and change my look from day to night in an instant. I also believe you should always put your best face forward so I always err on the side of being overdressed than underdressed.

Talk to me about your shoes.

Generally, I only wear heels and wedges. For work, I like to wear stilettos. My Charles Davids are my go-to work shoes.

I'm also a big fan of Michael Kors. He makes very good quality shoes that stand out -- no pun intended!

Which TV attorney is your fashion idol?

Jessica Pearson of "Suits" played by Gina Torres. I love that she keeps it conservative while remaining fashionable. Women in those types of roles often have very provocative clothing but Jessica's character portrays the image of a managing partner who is both powerful and feminine.

Do you have a favorite handbag?

My husband bought me a Fendi 2Jours handbag that I use daily. It's perfect for work. I love it!

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How would you describe your style?

I'm classic but definitely with a lot of edge. I don't own a lot of suits and nothing that really matches -- at all, ever.

I like my feathers and I like my sparkles which is why I like Vegas. On casual Friday you'll often see me in a sparkly top.

Who are your favorite designers or brands?

For suits and classics, I like Dolce & Gabbana and Prada. For everything else and mix-ins, I like Haute Hippie, Club Monaco and I'm a huge fan of Topshop. They have such fun stuff and it works for me. It's so eclectic.

What are your favorite stores?

Locally, I shop at Neiman Marcus. When I'm on the road, I do have some stores I love in different cities like Macau, London, Vancouver and New York.

What's the most sentimental item in your closet?

This necklace was made from the beads on my late grandmother's wedding dress from the 1920s. They are super delicate paste beads. My aunt brought the wedding dress over from England and had necklaces made many years later for my sister and me.

What's the oddest thing in your closet?

That would be the ashes from my dead kitty, Billie, as in Billie Holiday.

I also have a pair of Maple Leaf mittens I purchased back home in Vancouver when they hosted the Winter Olympics. I wore them every day during that Olympics even though it was one of the warmest winters in years. During last year's Winter Games, I got up at 4 a.m. to watch the men's gold medal hockey game. I wore them while sitting on my sofa in my pajamas and Canada won!

If you could trade closets with anyone, who would it be?

Dita Von Teese. Her clothes are amazing and she has this to-die-for fashion sense. She's always pulled together, unique, and styled with a tiny little waist. She looks and speaks fashion.

What's your go-to outfit?

For work -- a simple black or monochromatic dress and four-inch heels. I add a pop of color with my shoes.

For an event, I keep it really simple even though in Vegas you can wear pretty much anything. I always top it off with a really great pair of shoes.

For casual, jeans, a cute top and heels. I don't own too many jeans. I purge them once I



KATIE LEVER
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decide I don't like a style.

Talk to me about your shoes.

My favorite brands are Valentino, Jimmy Choo and Christian Louboutin with some Prada in the mix. Jimmy Choos fit my feet like a dream. I can wear them 14 hours a day and usually do.

I have these pom-pom shoes that tie around my ankle and the red and orange pom-poms tickle. I've worn them to a number of events as they are usually great conversation starters.

I have a lot of colored pumps and wear them with anything. I don't believe that shoes need to match your clothes.

I don't ever remember not being obsessed with shoes. I recall getting a pair of Lucite

princess shoes when I was about four years old and it hasn't stopped!

I see a lot of sunglasses.

There is always room for more sunglasses! Tom Ford, Prada, Alain Mikli for Barbie...

Tell me about your handbags.

I have a ton of YSL. I love them because they're not flashy. They're subtle and beautifully made and the leather is gorgeous. I own Dolce & Gabbana for the same reason.

My clutches are a whole eclectic mix from YSL, Dior, a feathered Gucci and even a super naughty one that has a swear word on the inside when you open it for a lipstick check.

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ANDREA BRICCA

Managing Director, Major, Lindsey & Africa

How would you describe your style?

I am the shoe gal. Everything starts with the shoes. I have been known to run through airports in heels. No matter what I wear, I always add the most interesting shoes.

I dress professionally but with an eclectic twist. For fun, I'm fabulous like a rock star with a hint of sultriness or a bit boho.

Who are your favorite designers and brands?

I wear clothing that fits me well. I own a ton of DVF. I also like Issa and I get a lot of compliments when I wear it. My current favorite is Ted Baker. Other brands I like

include Helmut Lang, Tahari, Trina Turk, and Bailey 44.

I pack this Robert Rodriguez dress in my carry-on in case my luggage gets lost so I always have something to wear. I've worn it to the beach, to a club, for work, with flip flops, Ugg boots, wedges, stilettos and thigh-high leather boots. It works no matter the occasion.

What are your favorite stores?

I love to outlet shop. My aunt was a seamstress back East and I learned to go to factory outlet stores long before they had outlet malls. If I'm in LA at the right time, I'll shop the sample sales.

I shop everywhere: Marshalls, Barneys,

Ted Baker, Target, H&M, Neiman Marcus, Saks, Banana Republic, Vasari. I always end up with great finds from the Premium Outlets downtown. I'm really looking forward to Fred Segal opening at SLS.

As long as it looks good, feels good and is made well, I'll buy it. I rarely get rid of anything.

What's the most sentimental item in your closet?

My grandmother crocheted this skirt for my mom in the late 1960s or early 1970s. It's made from thread, not yarn. Grandma died at the age of 103. I wore the skirt to her funeral over a black dress. It meant a lot to me to be able to wear it in her honor.

What's the oddest thing in your closet?

I saw these sparkle boots on the cover of a Victoria's Secret catalog. They're covered in silver sequins! I've worn them a handful of times.

How would someone describe the person who lives in this closet?

Organized chaos. That pretty much describes my life. Someone said I'm either prepared for anything or I just like to shop!

If you could trade closets with anyone, who would that be?

Sarah Jessica Parker. Sandra Bullock. She's professional and edgy. And, my co-worker, Gigi. Anyone with a closet bigger than mine!

What's your go-to outfit?

With the right shoes, a dress can go anywhere. They're so easy to throw on. Even in the winter you'll find me wearing a dress and my Uggs.

Talk to me about your shoes.

My obsession started as a child. The doctor put me in corrective shoes and my mom was devastated. In Catholic school I wore saddle shoes until the fifth grade. Then I switched to a wedge shoe with a gum sole because shoes were the only way to be different when you wore a uniform.

At one time I had over 250 pair of shoes and 20 flip flops. I mostly wear Manolo, Giuseppe Zanotti, Prada and Stuart Weitzman because they fit me the best. I also own Jimmy Choo, Christian Louboutin, Chanel, Gianvito Rossi -- pretty much everything.

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