

Bart Durham

A chameleon who likes fast cars, strong women and the law

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Like they always say, you can't judge a book by its cover. You're not going to believe this, but attorney Bart Durham, crusader for the injured and ignored, local television commercial mega star and coiner of the phrase, "Justice is your right and we demand it!" is not the uptight, serious-minded, uncontroversial guy people may think he is. Underneath that conservative gray suit and all-business tie is a man who likes his cars fast, his women muscular and his adrenaline pumped.

If you can't believe it, visit his Web site, www.bartdurham.com and click on "About Bart" --- specifically the categories titled "My Love of Ferraris," and "Wrestling Career." Yep, that's old Bart tussling in the photo with legendary female wrestler, Candi Divine, who also managed to pull his pants



down. Durham's a familiar sight at Madison's Excaliber Gym where the good sport actually manages new young women wrestlers. The tough guy has just recently returned to the ring after getting hit in the head by a steel chair and suffering a concussion (wonder if he sued?), but he's also a familiar sight at race tracks all over the country where he satisfies his "need for speed." Not only does Durham own a garage full of hot cars, but he also helped found the Tennessee Chapter of the Ferrari Club. Judging by the red 2002 360 Spider he now sports, the legal profession has been berry, berry good to Bart Durham.

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What can't you go 24-hours without doing?

E-mail and the Internet.

What can't you go 24-hours without eating?

Sugar.

If you were a sign, what would you say?

"May I help you?"

Who would you like to give a piece of your mind to?

Nobody. It wouldn't do any good.

What's the nicest thing anyone has ever done for you?

My parents gave me a lifetime of love.

What three celebrities would you like to represent in court?

No one especially. I wouldn't want to have to deal with their egos.

If you won a 15-minute shopping spree at your favorite store, where would it be and what would you grab first?

Electronic and computer stuff at Electronic Express.

What book have you re-read several times?

Look Homeward Angel by Thomas Wolfe.

If you could be granted three wishes, what would they be?

For my children and me: health, happi-

ness and long life.

If you could be a fly on someone's wall, where would you like to land?

Don't care about someone else's business.

How do you reconnect with your soul?

I'm working on that.

When God was handing out earthly assignments, what was yours?

To help people.

What gives you chills?

Pre-game shows at Titans games. The most recent was Natalie Cole singing *The Star Spangled Banner* at the game against Jacksonville.

What would you like engraved on your tombstone?

"A good son and a good father."

If you could go back in time, what historical event would you have liked to have been present for?

The American Revolution.

What is your favorite childhood memory?

Christmas mornings. The family gathered. Opening presents. My mother's cooking.

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