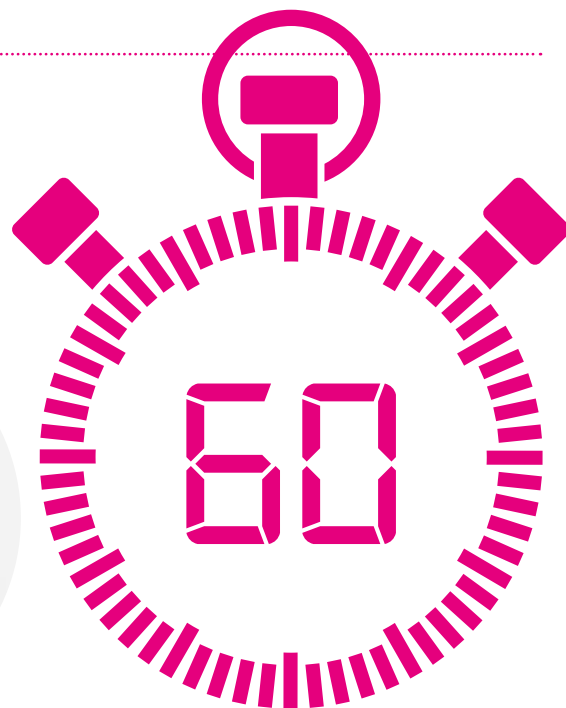


60-SECONDS WITH:

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Q What would you be doing if you weren't in this profession?

A In a sliding doors universe, I would like to do something completely different – a glamorous interior designer perhaps. I'm not sure the clients would be any easier to deal with though.

Q What's the strangest, most exciting thing you have done in your career?

A In 2013/2014 I acted on a dispute involving superyachts against a very tricky opponent. I spent a lot of time chasing people and assets around – highlights included a lunch meeting with a potential witness in Monaco where we arrived by helicopter and skulking around shipyards in Turkey trying to assess various superyachts.

Q What is the easiest/hardest aspect of your job?

A The easiest aspect is the broad variety of work and interesting people you get to meet and work with. The hardest aspect is often the stress-transference when representing clients who find themselves in incredibly difficult and intense situations and the inevitable pressures that come with it.

Q If you could give one piece of advice to aspiring practitioners, what would it be?

A Never be afraid to ask and if you don't know, don't make it up. A slightly delayed yet considered response is always the better option!

Q What has been the most interesting case you have seen in 2021?

A The most satisfying has been acting for an overseas company in liquidation which had an ex parte freezing order made against it. We were able to immediately obtain an order ensuring that the liquidators were not prevented from undertaking their duties and subsequently obtained a discharge.

Q What do you think will be the most significant trend in your practice over the next 12 months?

A It was reported in August that the number of alleged civil fraud cases jumped by 50% in 2020. With the full impact of the pandemic still emerging, I think we are likely to see yet a further increase in civil fraud cases as traditionally more frauds are discovered in times of economic stress.

Q If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?

A There are so many things! I would really like to become proficient in another instrument (but I could easily do this if I found some time) so I think the alternative would be to have babel fish skills where I could speak and understand any language in the world.

Q What is the one thing you could not live without?

A Apart from my nearest and dearest it would have to be music.

Q If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet?

A They say never meet your idols and I think the pressure could be too much so I would like to have another day with a family member who died in 2020 so that I could ask him all the questions I didn't ask before.

Q What songs are included on the soundtrack to your life?

A It's very hard to only pick a few but my top 3 would be (1) Do I Love You (Indeed I do) by Frank Wilson which was the first dance at my wedding (2) Vivaldi's Gloria which never fails to cheer me up and (3) Total Eclipse of the Heart by Bonnie Tyler which is a good song to let it all out to and my go-to karaoke choice.

Q What does the perfect weekend look like?

A Most likely a day in Florence – coffee and breakfast in a sunny square whilst people watching followed by a stroll soaking up the city and art and a delicious dinner and wine, perhaps some late-night music. With 8 hours' sleep to end! If my children are accompanying me on this weekend then it's likely to be somewhat different.

Q Reflecting on 2021, what have you been most grateful for?

A Being able to see loved-ones and colleagues face-to-face again.

