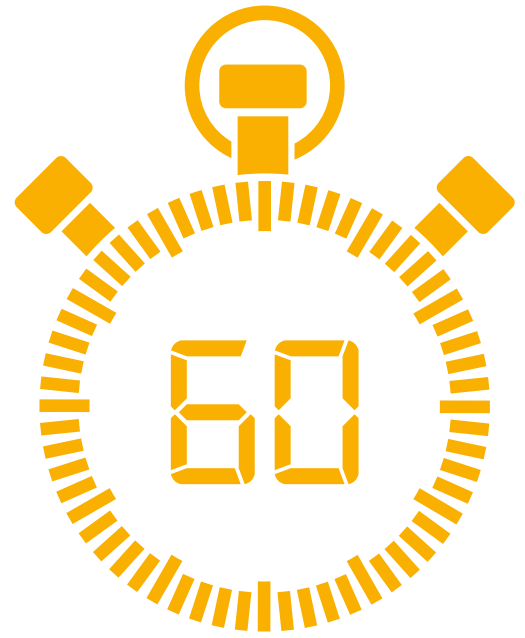


# 60-SECONDS WITH:

## MARIA CHAMI, ASSOCIATE, STEPHENSON HARWOOD



**Q** What is your key area of practice?

**A** I specialise in contentious trusts and pensions disputes.

**Q** What are you most going to focus on in the next 12 months?

**A** Within contentious trusts, I will be focusing on breach of trust claims, negligence claims and bringing a construction application.

**Q** What do you see as the biggest upcoming challenge you face as a practitioner?

**A** Being able to build a network of clients.

**Q** Why did you choose to attend TL4 x ConTra's Private Client Summer School and what did you achieve from attending?

**A** To attend in-person training on trusts law (covering all sorts of fascinating topics) and have the opportunity to meet other junior lawyers in the industry.

**Q** How did it feel to be back at a physical event?

**A** It was fantastic – it is so much easier to make long-lasting memories with colleagues at a physical event and be able to digest the information being given to you without the distractions that come with being on screen at home.

**Q** What was your key takeaway from any one of the sessions at Private Client Summer School over the 2 days?

**A** 1) the complexity of trusts law which has created a host of different specialities that different practitioners have specialised in within the industry and 2) the importance of prioritising your training time and taking days out of the office to develop your knowledge of the law and meet other junior lawyers on your level.

**Q** What would you say to people thinking of attending one of our summer schools in the future?

**A** Don't hesitate!

**Q** What does the perfect weekend look like?

**A** Exploring the City with friends, and leaving some time to relax at home and learn new songs on my piano.

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

**A** Lewin on Trusts (it has all the answers..)

**Q** Who would you most like to invite to a dinner party?

**A** Thomas Lewin

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