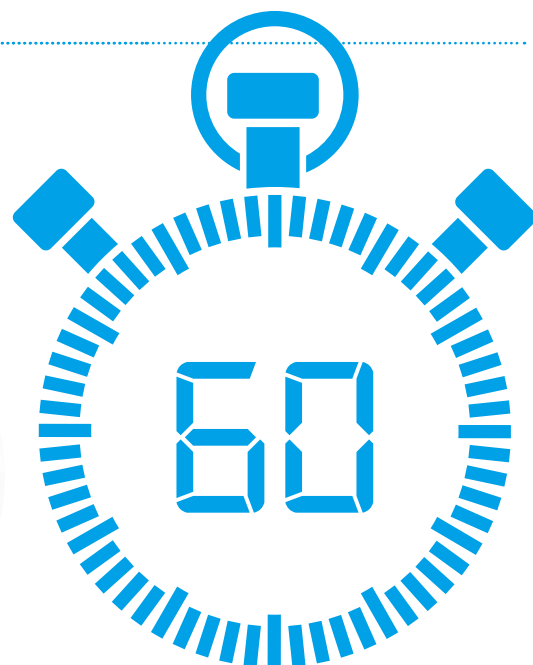


# 60-SECONDS WITH:

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- Q** What do you tell people when they ask you what you do?
- A** I say I am an investigator, but not a cop or a law enforcement agent - and wait for eyes to roll. I then explain the kind of investigations I do and how, and the conversation carries on from there.
- Q** Why did you choose this profession?
- A** A bit like my boss – I was minding my own business teaching Economics when a friend of mine from University reached out about an interesting job doing research and talking to people in weird places... it was a great fit from the start.
- Q** What's the strangest or most exciting thing you've ever done as an investigator?
- A** Most have been exciting but by far the strangest was when we were asked to establish how many fish did a Ukrainian businessman steal in his youth in the early 80s. It cropped up on a dispute and the instructing lawyers insisted on us finding an answer.. We never got the amount but we established it was carp!
- Q** If you could start all over again, what if anything would you do differently?
- A** Not a ton. I would probably have put in the time to get my Russian to above barely passable. And I wish I'd grasped earlier how essential financial literacy is to our work.
- Q** What is the most challenging/most rewarding aspect of working on dispute resolution cases?
- A** The biggest challenge and reward come from the fact that our input has a direct bearing on the outcome for the client. It can be very stress-inducing, but anything less would be nowhere near as thrilling.
- Q** If you had a money tree and could afford to never work again, would you and why?
- A** Not yet.
- Q** What does the perfect weekend look like?
- A** I have two young children so options for regular excitement are somewhat limited. A weekend in Greece with my family in the sun is very hard to beat.
- Q** Which famous person would you most like to invite to a dinner party?
- A** Billy Joel for a detailed discussion on every historical reference included in "We Didn't Start the Fire".
- Q** Now the world is beginning to open up again, what are you most looking forward to doing?
- A** Seeing contacts across the world face to face. Zoom has been great for keeping in touch with clients, but our work relies on the help of some fairly idiosyncratic people in strange places and Zoom simply doesn't cut through.
- Q** If you could give one piece of advice to aspiring investigators what would it be?
- A** Don't foster any presumptions of grandeur or mystique, learn to look for facts and read the newspaper.

