

60-SECONDS WITH:

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Q What do you see as the most important thing about your job?

A Helping navigate clients through what is often the most stressful phase of their personal or professional lives to reach a resolution that whilst they may not always be happy with, allows them to get on with their livelihoods.

Q As a member of the Advisory Board for Women in FIRE. Why are these initiatives in your view important for the industry?

A We have come a long way since I started out in terms of voices and representation, particularly at the senior level, but there is still a long way to go. Initiatives which actively promote female engagement and representation can only help encourage diversity of experience and thought which is not only important for the industry but also our ultimate clients.

Q As we approach the end of 2023, what has been the most interesting case or development you have seen this year?

A In the crypto space we've seen continual development of the remedies available to assist victims of fraud, often through judicial innovation. In particular, we've seen service via NFT, interesting orders for delivery up and further novel interlocutory orders. It's an exciting time to be a litigator in this field.

Q What do you see as the most significant trend in your practice in a year's time?

A With the economy under continuing stress and businesses and individuals under increasing financial pressure I see an uptick in both insolvency and fraud matters – the main corners of the fraud triangle are well and truly engaged.

Q What has been your greatest work-related achievement in 2023?

A Two highlights – firstly, being nominated for Crypto Powerwoman of the Year and secondly, navigating my first heavy litigation under PD 57AD!

Q What has been the best piece of advice you have been given in your career?

A If you don't know the answer and/or don't know where to find the answer – admit it. It's ok to always be learning.

Q What is one important skill that you think everyone should have?

A Properly listening - not just waiting for the other person to finish speaking. Knowing how to use adobe pagination is also very handy.

Q What cause are you passionate about?

A Proper support and mentoring for those continuing their practice and wanting to further progress their career after either maternity

leave or a career break. Those returners have often gained and improved multiple skills over that period and that should be acknowledged and celebrated rather than any focus on them having been "out of the loop".

Q Where has been your favourite holiday destination and why?

A India - the food, the people and the history. I've been to the North and I'm hoping to be able to return again to explore other regions in the not-too-distant future (although with 2 children now in tow it might be a different experience!)

Q If you could bring back a fashion trend, what would it be and why?

A It feels like most of the fashion trends I followed in the 90s are already back (for better or for worse) but ponchos don't seem to have made the cut – whilst ugly I think they'd be good for keeping warm whilst working from home.

Q Reflecting on 2023, what three words would you use to sum up the year?

A Challenging, rewarding, fun (mostly).

Q What is one goal you have for 2024?

A Less phone, more books.

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