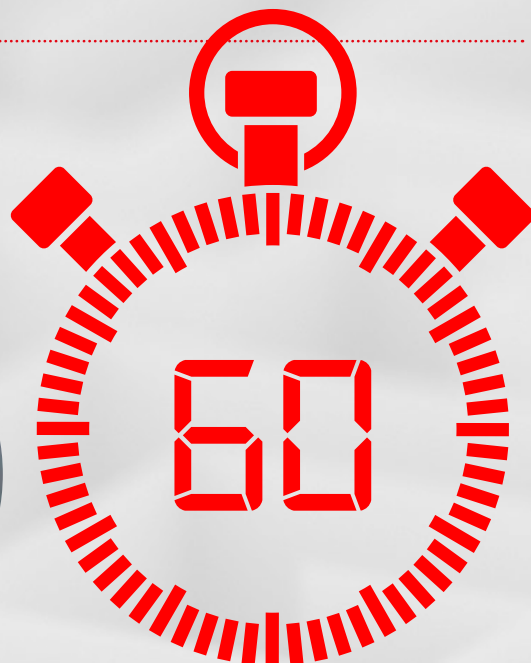


60-SECONDS WITH:

LAURA WEBSTER BARRISTER NEW SQUARE CHAMBERS



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

A Delivering the best result for my clients with the cards that I have been given – I cannot work miracles(!) but I can work to ensure that the best result that can be achieved is achieved.

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

A The decision of the Supreme Court in Philipp v Barclays Bank UK PLC [2023] UKSC 25 which concerned “authorised push payment” (APP) fraud and the Quincecare duty was particularly interesting. I wasn’t involved in the case, but I have already made reference to it.

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

A A large proportion of my work involves insolvency and property, unfortunately as a result of high interest rates I foresee increased work in this area as a result of borrowers defaulting on loan agreements. In the long term I predict an increase in frauds utilising “deepfake”.

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

A I did my first mediation as a mediator, and it was a success!

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

A Never assume anything (even if it appears obvious) - check everything for absolute certainty.

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

A Literacy, shockingly 1 in 6 adults in England can be described as functionally illiterate.

Q What cause are you passionate about?

A Ending stigma and discrimination in mental health.

Q Where has been your favourite holiday destination and why?

A The Maldives, because of the beaches and reefs.

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

A The hippie fashion trend from the ‘60s complete with headbands! I love the colorful and relaxed clothing, and the wide range of beautiful patterns.

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

A A Busy One.

Q What is one goal you have for 2024?

A While my chambers is located in London, I have recently moved back to Norfolk and I would love to build relationships with the solicitors of firms in this county.

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