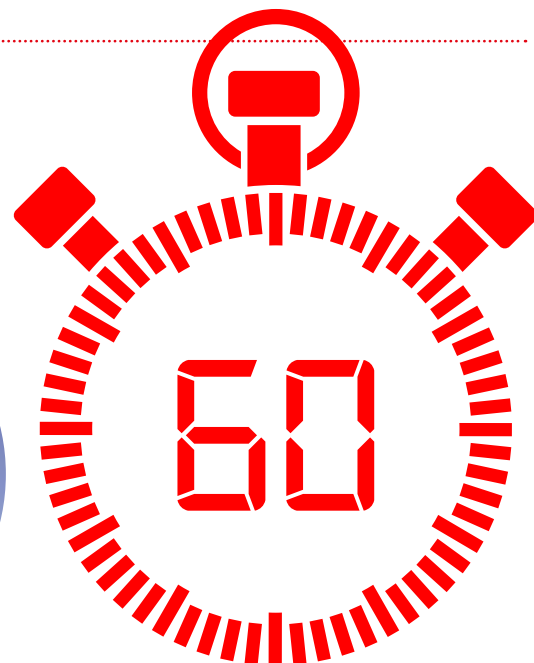


60-SECONDS WITH:

**NICOLA
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PARTNER
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- Q** What do you like most about your job?
- A** It lets me occupy myself with interesting and difficult questions.
- Q** What would you be doing if you weren't in this profession?
- A** Hunting for interesting and difficult problems to occupy me.
- Q** What's the strangest, most exciting thing you have done in your career?
- A** Terrifying rather than exciting: as an outdoor clerk in the 90s successfully escaping a very large, angry, dog when serving a witness summons.
- Q** What has been the best piece of advice you have been given in your career?
- A** Never apologise, never explain, get the job done and let them howl.
- Q** What is the most significant trend in your practice today?
- A** Rising uncertainty due to war, sanctions and economic instability.
- Q** What personality trait do you most attribute to your success?
- A** Persistence
- Q** Who has been your biggest role model in the industry?
- A** I don't hold with role models.
- Q** What is something you think everyone should do at least once in their lives?
- A** Visit Cuba.
- Q** What is the one thing you could not live without?
- A** Sleep, although I still try to do without from time to time.
- Q** What is a book you think everyone should read and why?
- A** To Kill a Mocking Bird, because courage isn't a man with a gun.
- Q** What would be your superpower and why?
- A** Speaking all languages. It would give me more difficult and interesting questions.
- Q** As a speaker at FIRE International, what are you most looking forward to at the event?
- A** A good gossip.
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