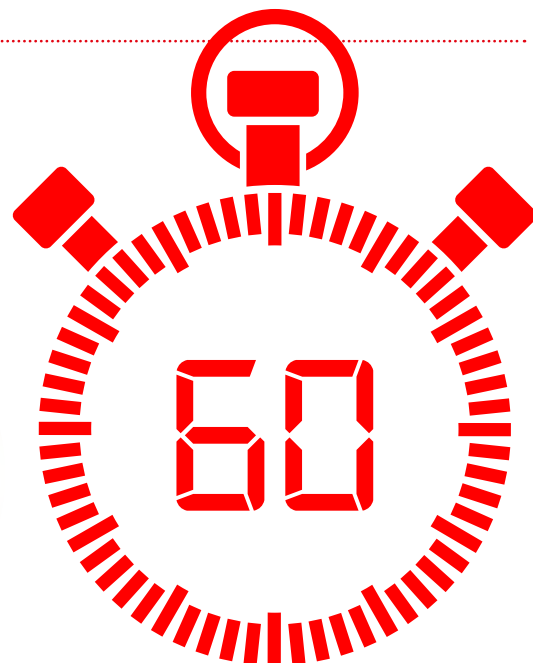


60-SECONDS WITH:

SOPHIA PURKIS PARTNER FLADGATE



Q What do you like most about your job?

A The people and the intellectual challenges and psychological aspects of the law.

Q What would you be doing if you weren't in this profession?

A Painting pictures.

Q What's the strangest, most exciting thing you have done in your career?

A At less than a year qualified, representing a defendant who was subject to a search order and having to advise in relation to the numerous illegal items which were secreted about his house but outside the terms of the search order.

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

A Get over yourself.

Q What is the most significant trend in your practice today?

A The increased use of insolvency procedures to tackle fraud claims, and the development of the responsibility of banks for protecting their clients against scams.

Q What personality trait do you most attribute to your success?

A Humour.

Q Who has been your biggest role model in the industry?

A I have learnt from everyone with whom I have worked.

Q What is something you think everyone should do at least once in their lives?

A Laugh until they cry.

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

A At home Marmite and at work a hard copy of the White Book.

Q What is a book you think everyone should read and why?

A Dostoyevsky's "Crime and Punishment". A cracking good read and existential travail...but goes off a bit towards the end.

Q What would be your superpower and why?

A Flight. Useful without too much responsibility.

Q As a speaker at FIRE International, what are you most looking forward to at the event?

A Meeting up with chums I have not seen for ages and broadening my knowledge of developments in the legal area.

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