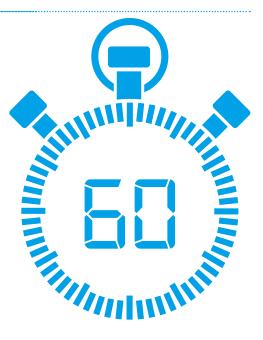
60-SECONDS WITH:

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What do you like most about your job?

Variety. Every day is different, and there is a good mix of intellectual challenge, creativity, and commercial problem-solving. I also get to work with a wide variety of cases, clients, and legal teams.

What motivated you to pursue this career?

I find funding genuinely interesting. I still get to work as a disputes lawyer, but in a very different way to private practice. It's legal, factual, and commercial. I did want to be a travel writer and spend my days writing incisive and engaging narratives from far-flung locales, but funding will do for now.

What is the most rewarding thing about your work?

Funding cases that deserve to win and watching them succeed. It's rarely so simple, but it's very rewarding when it happens.

Do you have any career aspirations, and have you achieved any of them so far?

There are plenty more to be achieved, and we have big ambitions as a team.

What do you see as being the biggest trends of 2023 in your practice area?



Predictions are always risky, but three things stand out. First, there will be an increasing appetite for law firm financing (for portfolios or for funding DBAs). Second, with a greater focus on ESG issues, more stakeholders and shareholders will use funding to access litigation for financial and environmental wrongdoing claims. A real focus will be on claims relating to environmental damage and "greenwashing." Finally, given the economic uncertainties, there is likely to be an uptick in contested insolvency claims.

Q What has been your most memorable experience during your career so far?



The first time I saw a great cross-examination of a witness at an arbitration hearing. It showed the brilliance of the lawyer involved, but also how the dynamics of some cases can change rapidly once live evidence is involved.

How do you deal with stress in your work life?

Breaking things down into small pieces makes everything more manageable. Ten small things on your To Do list can be easier to deal with than one mammoth item.

What does your perfect holiday look like?



It would definitely be somewhere warm with really good food, but there has to be a mix of relaxation and activity. Three or four days by the beach and then a week doing something more active.

Q What was the last book you read?

Factfulness by Hans Rosling. I'm late to the party on this one, but it's worth reading.

Q Which famous person would you most like to invite to a dinner party?

It's a toss-up between Sandi Toksvig and Billy Connolly. Both are funny and would have good stories, and these are the key attributes of a good dinner party guest.

Q What cause are you passionate about?

Levelling the playing field when it comes to disputes.

Q Do you have a New Year's Resolution, and if so, how do you plan to keep it?

I'm trying to improve my Spanish. There is a long way to go, but I'm keeping to it so far.

Q What are you looking forward to in 2023?

Aside from good funding opportunities?! An upcoming holiday to Northern Spain. Hopefully the Spanish will have improved by then...