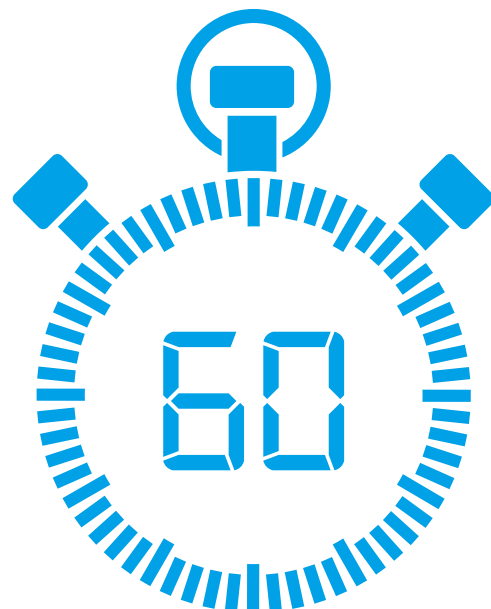


## 60-SECONDS WITH:

JULIAN  
DIAZ-RAINEY  
PARTNER  
PINSENT  
MASONS

**Q** What do you like most about your job?

**A** As a commercial litigator no case is the same, so the intellectual challenge and ability to work as a team. Also seeing young lawyers develop from newly qualified lawyers to partners is really satisfying.

**Q** What motivated you to pursue this career?

**A** My father. He was a high profile lawyer and mediator. He mediated between the Colombian Government and M-19 Guerrilla Group and helped integrate M-19 into the Colombian political system.

**Q** What is the most rewarding thing about your work?

**A** Dealing with cases which make a difference and in particular inquiries work e.g. Shipman, Baha Mousa and recently the Covid-19 Inquiry but also the investigation into sexual abuse at Manchester City Football Club.

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

**A** To be a partner at an international law firm which I have achieved. Also when the time is right to become a non-executive director of a football club or sporting organisation.

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

**A** Class actions and redress schemes and ignore the 'S' bit in ESG at your peril.

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

**A** Winning a major IPO mandate whilst on holiday in a swimming pool bar!

**Q** How do you deal with stress in your work life?

**A** Going to the gym 5 times a week and watching Liverpool FC with my daughter and son at Anfield.

**Q** What does your perfect holiday look like?

**A** A safari in Cape Town followed by a week of visiting vineyards.

**Q** What was the last book you read?

**A** Billion Dollar Whale by Tom Wright and Bradley Hope. I have met some of the individuals mentioned in it.

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

**A** Paddy Mayne. British Army officer from Newtownards, Northern Ireland (I was also born in Newtownards), capped for Ireland and the British Lions at rugby union, lawyer and a founding member of the Special Air Service.

**Q** What cause are you passionate about?

**A** The countryside – keeping our greenbelt and ensuring brownfield sites are regenerated instead.

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

**A** To start weight training again. I gave this up during lockdown.

**Q** What are you looking forward to in 2023?

**A** We have lots of high-profile work in the pipeline, lots of talented lawyers some of whom have recently joined, and going on safari.

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