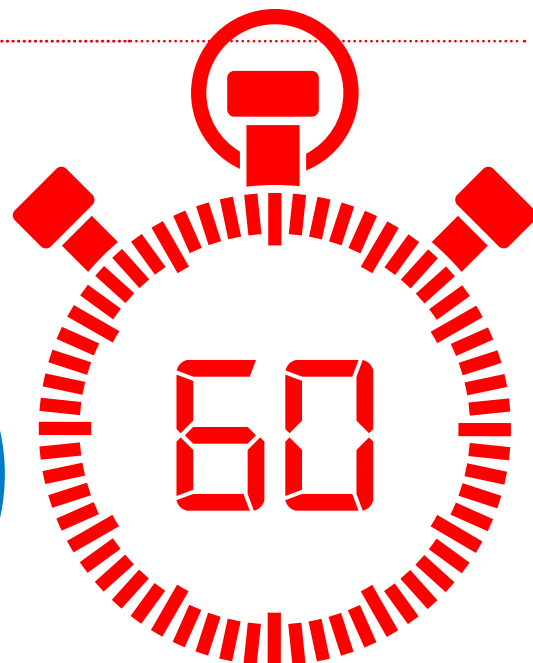


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Q Imagine you no longer have to work. How would you spend your weekdays?

A Mornings translating classical literature and doing pro bono cases. Afternoons looking after our baby daughter.

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

A The feeling of satisfaction that comes from being part of a team that has just achieved a great result for the client, and even more so if our legal arguments were adopted by the Court and have set a precedent for similar cases.

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

A The strangest was certainly our Law Commission field trip to a retirement village near Portsmouth. The most exciting was probably seeing the inner workings of the US justice system, including the Supreme Court, on an exchange visit for judicial assistants.

Q What is one work related goal you would like to achieve in the next five years?

A I would love to continue to grow my practice in the Middle East and be involved in the fast-paced development of DIFC and ADGM case law.

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

A Minority shareholders are finding more innovative ways to preserve and recover value taken out of the company by the majority.

Q What book do you think everyone should read, and why?

A *The Histories of Herodotus* for its charming narrative, wisdom about human nature, and insight into ancient cultures that differ from our own.

Q Dead or alive, which famous person would you most like to have dinner with, and why?

A The Notorious B.I.G., the greatest rapper of all time.

Q What is the best film of all time?

A That's an impossible question, but *North by Northwest*, *In the Mood For Love* and *Lord of The Rings: The Two Towers* definitely feature high on my list.

Q What legacy would you hope to leave behind?

A I like to think I'm a bit young to be considering my legacy – ask me again in a decade or two!

Q Where has been your favourite holiday destination and why?

A The Loire region of France catered perfectly to both my inner ten-year-old's love of castles, and my more grown-up interests in wine, history and the great outdoors.

Q Do you have any hidden talents?

A I'm surprisingly good at supergluing – lots of practice from breaking things.

Q What piece of advice would you give to your younger self?

A I know it's hard in your carefree early twenties, but try to focus on who, and what, will matter to you in the long term.

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