60 SECONDS WITH... NICHOLAS HOCKNEY **PRACTICE DIRECTOR RLE COUR**



AN WHEELER ACTICE DIRECTOR

What Are You Looking Forward To In 2025?



Who Has Been Your Biggest **Role Model In The Industry?**

DW: My first senior clerk. I started with him in 1999. He is a true gentleman and a very good friend. I still see him regularly at the best football stadium in Europe.

What Cause Are You Passionate About?

NH: I take great pride in

introducing the younger generation to the clerking profession. It's one of those roles that people simply don't know much about, so I feel it's important to shine a light on it.

What Was The Last Book You Read?



DW: Ronnie O'Sullivan -Unbreakable

Imagine You No Longer Have To Work. How Would You Spend Your Weekdays?



NH: I'd spend my time on a boat on the Norfolk Broads, fishing all day and watching the world go by.

What Do You See As The Most Important Thing About Your Job?



DW: Helping my barristers achieve their goals and providing our clients with the best possible service

What Motivates You Most About Your Work?

NH: Knowing that I can make a real difference to the practices of the barristers we provide services for - I find this aspect of my work incredibly rewarding.

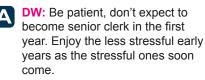
If You Could Start All Over Again, What If Anything Would You Do Differently?

- DW: On a work front, nothing, I believe that everything works out the way it should. On a personal level, I would certainly consider whether being a football fan is worth the ruined weekends. I have also now inflicted this torture on my teenage son.
- If You Could Bring Back A Fashion Trend, What Would It Be And Why?



NH: Curtains – such a great hairstyle back in the day! Sadly, the one thing I can't bring back is the hair on my head!

If You Could Give One Piece Of **Advice To Aspiring Practitioners** In Your Field, What Would It Be?



What Would You Be Doing If You Weren't In This Profession?

NH: In order of preference - I'd be on the stage, working as a radio DJ, or living the dream as a singer.

What Is One Of Your Greatest Work-Related Achievements?

DW: Becoming joint Practice Director at Serle Court in May 2023 has to be the standout one for me.