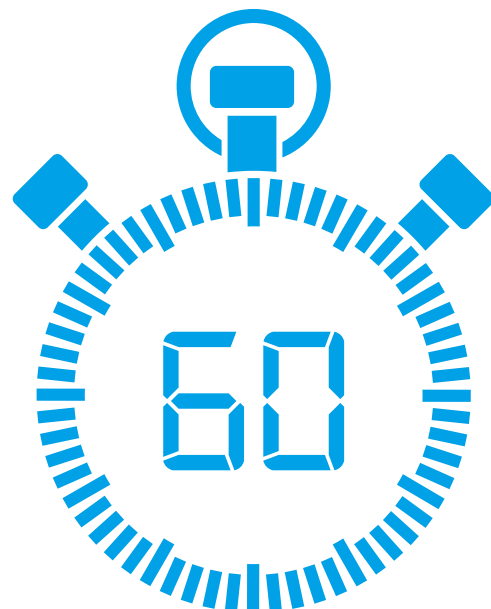


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Q Imagine you no longer have to work. How would you spend your weekdays?

A I used to spend a lot of my time painting. That passion sort of fell away during and after university but I have started being more disciplined, taking up classes and committing myself to spending a little time each weekend doing something that is incredibly calming. I forgot how much I loved it. With more time to spare I would develop that further, travel to new places to paint landscapes and people. But I'd still find time to walk my dog and eat delicious food. What would life be without good food?

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

A Solving problems, each one different from the last. People come to you expecting a solution, but there isn't always an obvious answer at the tip of your fingers right away. The process can be long, daunting and at times overwhelming. But working with a team of people to develop and deploy an effective strategy in the best interests of your client, finding your way to a positive resolution, that is always a rewarding process.

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

A Michael Chabon's *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay*. It was recommended to me when I was in Berlin many years ago. I couldn't put it down. It made me laugh, cry, get totally lost and inspired. It was the first gift I gave my partner, and here we are 11 years later, married. So... I suppose it's a good luck charm too.

Q What legacy would you hope to leave behind?

A As long as people remember me as someone who was a good friend, and someone who knew how to have a good time, that's more than enough for me.

Q Do you have any hidden talents?

A Whatever they might be, I like to think that they're in there somewhere, waiting to surprise me one day!

Q What's the most important quote you've heard that you have adapted to your personal or professional life.

A Take the work seriously, not yourself.

Q Is there anything you want to do/achieve that you haven't already?

A I would like to visit the Amazon. I have travelled to South America but never to Brazil, and it's right at the top of my bucket list.

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

A Be braver, sooner.

Q Where has been your favorite holiday destination and why?

A Not really as a holiday destination, but the three months I spent in Cuba before my final year of university made me fall in love with the country and the people I met there. It's an incredible place. As a pure holiday destination, I would pick Baja or Sardinia.

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

A Perhaps Leonardo da Vinci. All round renaissance man, artistic genius, lover of animals and good times. The perfect dinner party companion.

Q What's your go to relaxing activities to destress after a long day at work?

A Eating my favourite food and collapsing in front of a good series. Recent choices include 'We Might Regret This' and 'The Penguin'.

Q What brings you the most joy.

A Travelling. And spending time with my friends.

Q What has been a 'stand out' moment for you this year?

A In June of this year I completed the postgraduate Diploma in Intellectual Property Law and Practice at Oxford University. The course was fantastic; I really enjoyed covering the material, spending time in Oxford and meeting some great people amongst the cohort. It was very demanding alongside regular practice, so getting through it with a result I could be proud of feels like a substantial achievement. I hope it will serve me well in building my practice moving forward.

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