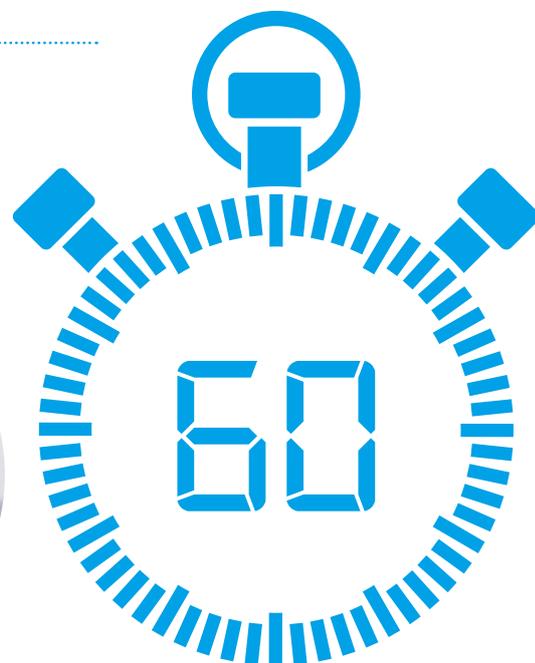


60-SECONDS WITH:

CHARLOTTE BHANIA PARTNER PCB BYRNE



- Q** What do you like most about your job?
- A** That it gives me the opportunity to do what I love; strategizing, working with a team, digging into the facts of a case and understanding competing agendas to formulate a plan to get the best possible outcome for my clients.
- Q** What would you be doing if you weren't in this profession?
- A** Something that would allow me to put my nerd-like tendencies to good use. My first degree was in Applied Economics; the application economic theory in the real world and in particular how policy makers can make better decisions, so maybe I'd be your local MP!
- Q** What's the strangest, most exciting thing you have done in your career?
- A** Moving to Dubai. An opportunity came up somewhat unexpectedly to work there, so I packed my life into four suitcases and headed to a place I had never even visited before moving there! Exciting/terrifying, but I loved every minute of the two years I spent living and working there.
- Q** What has been the best piece of advice you have been given in your career?
- A** The less you say, the less chance you have of messing up. I pass that on to every one of my trainees; keep focused, get to the point.
- Q** What is the most significant trend in your practice today?
- A** All things Blockchain. We are seeing more and more cryptocurrency cases, but DAOs, smart contracts, NFTs are all coming and will have a huge impact on the fraud and asset recovery landscape.
- Q** What personality trait do you most attribute to your success?
- A** Perseverance. It means that I am at my best when working under pressure, I get into every detail of a case, and do not give up even when others would.
- Q** Who has been your biggest role model in the industry?
- A** Nicola Boulton. She is a truly brilliant lawyer, smart, funny, formidable, strategically brilliant, but fiercely supportive of her team and always working to push us forward and help us achieve success. I wouldn't be where I am without her.
- Q** What is something you think everyone should do at least once in their lives?
- A** Live abroad, even if for a few months. It gives you a whole new perspective on life and your place in the world.
- Q** What is the one thing you could not live without?
- A** Coffee or my iPhone. I am not proud of either of those!
- Q** What is a book you think everyone should read and why?
- A** The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho. I pick it up when I need reminding that failures and set backs are the experiences that will most help me to get where I want to be.
- Q** What would be your superpower and why?
- A** Superspeed. Imagine how much I could get done in a day!

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