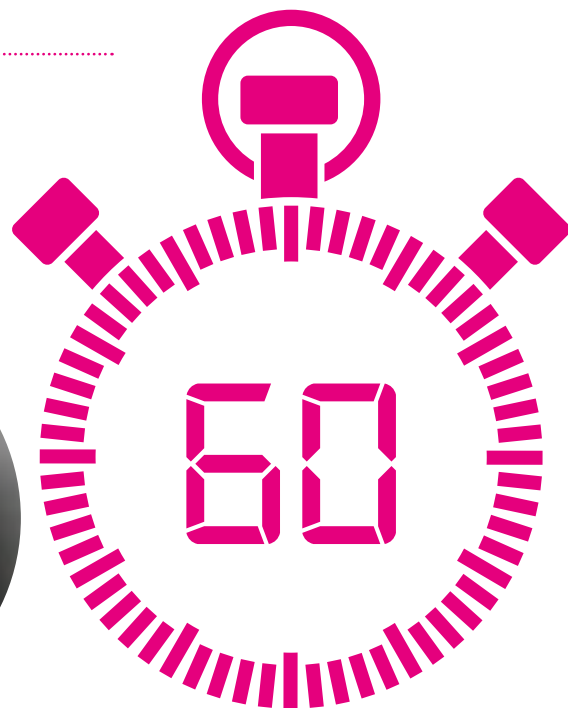


60-SECONDS WITH:

JONATHAN HILLIARD QC, BARRISTER, WILBERFORCE CHAMBERS



Q What would you be doing if you weren't in this profession?

A A mathematician or (in my dreams) a novelist or basketball player.

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

A Appearing before the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg. A very different advocacy experience, and absolutely fascinating, from how the Court looks and works to the number of judges.

Q What is the easiest/hardest aspect of your job?

A The easiest aspect is when you click with the team that you're working with, and everything runs along like a well-oiled engine. The hardest is the hours, particularly when you are dealing with a number of cases flaring up at the same time.

Q If you could give one piece of advice to aspiring practitioners, what would it be?

A Spend as much time as possible when you start out seeking to learn from those more senior. Particularly now

that so many people are working from home, I think that it is critical that Chambers and firms ensure that those coming through the ranks continue to get proper exposure to more senior practitioners. I learnt a great deal from those more senior than me in Chambers, who were always very generous with their time.

Q What do you think will be the most significant trend in your practice over the next 12 months?

A I hope that we will all be seeing much more of each other in person! I have enjoyed working from home, but you lose something when you do it exclusively.

Q If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?

A How to write a good novel, how to play the piano to a better standard, how to paint, how to act, I could go on for ever...

Q What is the one thing you could not live without?

A Conversation. Particularly with people with different perspectives to your own.

Q If you could meet anyone, living or dead, who would you meet?

A John Coltrane, Einstein, Miles Davis, Iris Murdoch, William Faulkner, Siri Hustvedt, Plato, Billy Holliday.

Q What songs are included on the soundtrack to your life?

A Try a little tenderness; I think it's going to rain today; You're all that I need to get by; The dark end of the street; Like someone in love. That would be volume 1.

Q What does the perfect weekend look like?

A Swimming in the sea, lying in the sun reading a book, seeing the kids and family, dinner with friends, watching some sport, and something unexpected happening at some point along the way.

Q Looking forward to 2022, what are you most looking forward to?

A A renewed sense of optimism about the future.

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