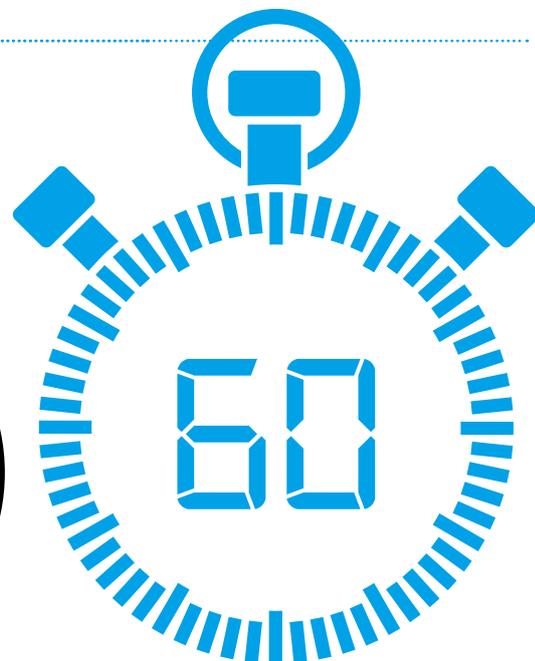


## 60-SECONDS WITH:

**GENEVIEVE  
QUIERIN  
PARTNER  
STEPHENSON  
HARWOOD**


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

**A** Something in the music industry, hopefully singing. As a child I said I wanted to be an opera singer when I grew up. I am operatically trained – a mezzo soprano – but I may be past my sell-by date now!

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

**A** The examples under the 'strange' category aren't for publication unfortunately, but back when I was an NQ I was flown first class to New York by a Silicon Valley tech client – my first trip there. My client, an insanely cool woman on the board of directors who knew the Big Apple like the back of her hand, introduced me to the New York bar scene after we'd got all our work done. That was pretty exciting for my 25 year old self!

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

**A** The easiest bit is working with and for my clients – it's genuinely an absolute joy. I am extremely lucky to have so many fantastic clients many of whom I also count as friends. The hardest aspect I find is knowing when to put the iPhone down/turn the laptop off. I'm really not very good at switching off, and the pandemic along with working from home has made it even harder.

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

**A** If you are conscientious and work hard, you will go far. It's glaringly obvious to lawyers who have been around the block a few times which trainees and junior lawyers don't

have their heart in it. Also, try to find yourself a mentor in the profession – I did and I've so much to thank him for (you know who you are!).

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

**A** Hybrid working arrangements – hallelujah! I can't believe it took a global pandemic to convince law firms that flexible and remote working arrangements were viable and might indeed be more efficient than coming into the office 5 days a week.

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

**A** To speak another language fluently

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

**A** My friends (including my family) – loneliness is the worst.

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

**A** The Beatles (I know, that's four people!) at The Cavern Club on 9 February 1961 after their first ever gig.

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

**A** Always look on the bright side of life  
Mamma Mia  
One Man's Ceiling is Another Man's Floor  
Any song by Stevie Wonder as they're all glorious  
(and for the more sombre moments)  
Erbarme Dich Mein Gott (sung by Janet Baker)

**Q** What does the perfect weekend look like?

**A** Spending plenty of time outside, in the sun, with my kids, plenty of delicious food, comfy beds and piles of books!

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

**A** Going abroad a bit more, and finally getting to know more of my colleagues – I joined Stephenson Harwood in the second lockdown and feel like I still barely know anyone.

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