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60 SECONDS WITH... **ALEX CURRAN** SENIOR ASSOCIATE **PAYNE HICKS BEACH**



Q What Has Been The Best Piece Of Advice You Have Been Given In Your Career?

A To remember that we are solicitors and not magicians. Whilst we can do a lot within the confines of the law, we cannot conjure up the unachievable.

Q What Motivated You To Pursue A Career In Law?

A I wanted to be a doctor when I was younger but the idea of studying biology and chemistry at A-Level made me feel unwell. After discussing university options with my mum, she highlighted that (at that time) I was partial to an argument and liked being right and that might suit me to a career in law. It was only when I arrived at university that I realised that not only was she right, but I enjoyed the subject matter and the problem-solving that a career in law offers.

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

A Seeing people start the next chapter of the lives. Divorce can sometimes be a gruelling process but I am seeing more people increasingly take the view it is only one chapter of their story and not the whole book.

Q What Was The Last Book You Read?

A I am about to finish *Outbreak* by Frank Gardner, the security correspondence for the BBC. The book before that was *The Suspect*

by Rob Rinder. I set myself a target of reading 52 books last year and met it so this year's target is 56. So far, it is not going well....

Q What Are You Looking Forward To In 2025?

A I get married in November so that is going to be the highlight of the year, closely followed by our honeymoon in December.

Q Do You Have A New Year's Resolution, And If So, How Do You Plan To Keep It?

A No. I am a firm believer in only setting myself targets that are realistically achievable!

Q What Is The One Thing You Could Not Live Without?

A My family and my friends are obvious answers but I think a more non-obvious answer would be my mobile phone (sadly) or a good bottle of Gin.

Q What Does The Perfect Weekend Look Like?

A A lie in, some exercise, a nice walk around the park, a trip to the gym and then meeting up with family or friends for dinner or a night in for games night.

Q What Is Something You Think Everyone Should Do At Least Once In Their Lives?

A Travel and to do it as often as you can!

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

A To learn the importance of boundary setting with clients.

Q What Legacy Would You Hope To Leave Behind?

A In my personal life: that I would do anything I could to help my family and my friends.
In my professional life: that I didn't shy away from the hard fight but that I was the kind of solicitor that others felt they could do a deal with.

Q Dead Or Alive, Which Famous Person Would You Most Like To Have Dinner With, And Why?

A Kylie Minogue. My reason – she is an icon!

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