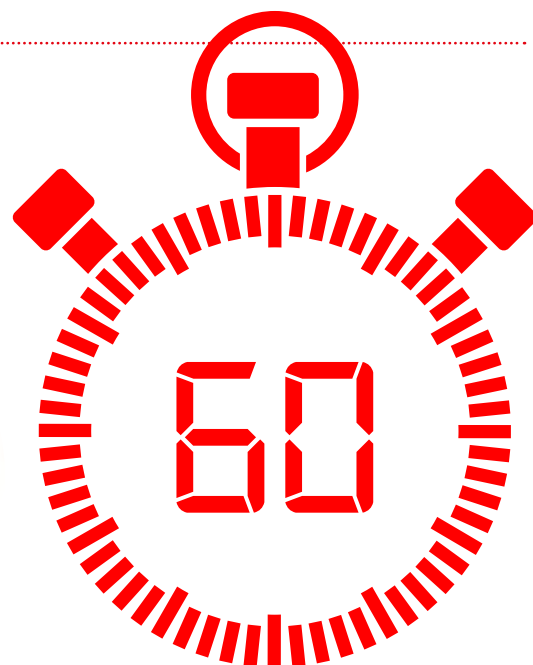


60-SECONDS WITH:

**NATALIE
TODD**
PARTNER
**COOKE, YOUNG
& KEIDAN**



Q What do you like most about your job?

A I enjoy the fast-paced nature of a fraud and asset recovery case. The build up at the start of a case unravelling the fraud and dealing with applications for freezing orders, search orders and disclosure orders is really exhilarating. I really enjoy working as part of a team and bouncing ideas off each other.

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

A I wanted to join the police force when I was younger so perhaps I would be a bobby on the beat if I wasn't a solicitor.

Q As we approach the end of 2022, what has been the most interesting case or development in the industry you have seen this year?

A Well, we have just written an article for the Disputes Magazine year in review on the Court of Appeal's judgment in Gorbachev v Guriev focussing on the principle of territoriality. It has to be that right?! The new gateways introduced on 1 October 2022 allowing certain applications for disclosure against non-parties to be served out of the jurisdiction are pretty exciting especially for a fraud specialist. If that is not exciting enough, I wrote about fortification of damages in freezing injunctions for the FIRE Magazine year in review. You will have to read the articles to find out more..

Q What do you see as the most significant trend in your practice in a year's time?

A The level of sophisticated frauds increases year on year and I expect a rise in crypto and digital asset fraud. We have also been waiting on a wave of insolvencies following the pandemic and we are seeing them starting to seep through. I expect there will be a great deal more insolvency related work.

Q What has been your greatest work-related achievement in 2022?

A I joined Cooke Young & Keidan on 1 April 2022. It has been a fantastic move for me and I am absolutely loving it.

Q Who has been your role model in the industry?

A There are many people I look up to in the industry.

Q What is something people do not know about you?

A I am a Supervising Solicitor so can act as the independent solicitor on search, image or doorstep delivery up orders.

Q What is a book you think everyone should read and why?

A Nelson Mandela's Long Walk to Freedom (although it's a bit long for my liking). I don't think I need to say why. He is a most inspirational man.

Q If you could bring back a fashion trend, what would it be and why?

A The Velour tracksuit – I had a fantastic pink one with "JUICY" across the butt – such a shame I don't have it anymore!!

Q What item do you never travel without, and why?

A My Swiss Army Knife. I was very fond of my father and he gave it to me. I am always using it.

Q Reflecting on 2022, what three words would you use to sum up the year?

A Frustrating (I broke my ankle), Joy (joining CYK) and Pride (I have loved spending time with my children watching them grow and develop)

Q What is one goal of yours for 2023?

A Have fun.

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