

# 60 seconds with... Dave Marshall

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## ***Imagine you no longer have to work. How would you spend your weekdays?***

I think I'd struggle not to be involved in the law in some form even if I didn't need to work. I could certainly see myself lecturing for a few days a week if I weren't in private practice. Apart from that, I'd be spending some time lounging on a beach in Barbados!

## ***What do you see as the most important thing about your job?***

I think what's most important is being able to skilfully navigate clients through their legal challenges and trying to get the best possible outcome for them.

## ***What is the most significant trend in your practice today?***

It's difficult to identify the most significant trend when you have a pretty broad commercial practice, but what has been very noticeable is that we haven't seen the avalanche of insolvency matters that we had anticipated would come about as a result of the pandemic. There seems to be a slightly greater trend towards restructurings rather than liquidations.

## ***What motivates you most about your work?***

I think the intellectual challenge and stimulation that comes with an insolvency and corporate disputes practice is most interesting.

## ***What skill do you wish you would have learned earlier in your career?***

I find it rather difficult to pinpoint any one particular skill that I wish I learned earlier, as I think that we are all works in progress as we continue to progress in our respective careers.

## ***If you could do someone else's job for a day, who would it be and what is the job?***

I've always found aviation to be absolutely fascinating so I wouldn't mind being a pilot for a large airline for a day.

## ***What cause are you most passionate about?***

For me, my family's welfare is of utmost importance. I can't say that there is anything that I'm more passionate about than that.

## ***What is something people may not know about you?***

I'm a huge cricket fan so in an ideal world (if my skills had matched my enthusiasm!) I'd have been a professional cricketer rather than a lawyer.

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

I love cricket and ultimately people are what make life most fulfilling, so the perfect weekend for me is spent with close friends or family, enjoying a riveting cricket match.

## ***Dead or alive, which three people would you most like to have a dinner party with, and why?***

a) Barack Obama – I'd love to pick his brains about his personal and political development and eventual rise to become America's first Black president.

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- b) Sir Vivian Richards – huge cricket fan (as you might have gathered by now) and he is one of the best to ever play the game.
- c) Lord Denning – that might be quite an interesting chat about the law.

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