



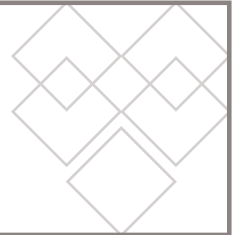
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### PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY

**Huw Jenkin** is an experienced commercial litigation and arbitration specialist, and a partner of Travers Smith's award-winning dispute resolution practice since 2012. He has broad experience of acting in significant and complex international cases, both litigation and arbitration, in a variety of fora and under various rules. He has experience of competition disputes, financial markets litigation, civil fraud work, corporate and commercial litigation and also contentious regulatory work. He acts for companies, financial institutions and individuals. Away from law, he has three children and spends his spare time running, writing and playing the piano.

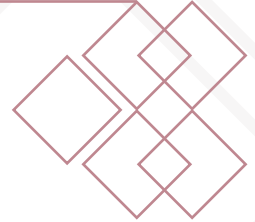
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## Q&amp;A WITH HUW JENKIN

**Could you provide an insight into how you approach your work? What drives and motivates you?**

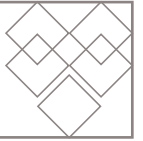
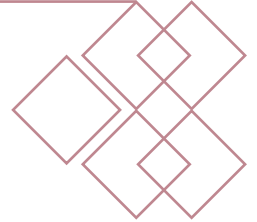
◆ I am motivated by relationships. I want to build rapport and trust with clients, as well as with my teams. I can then feel confident that I will unlock what is really driving them, what is worrying them, and what they want out of the matter. Sometimes that is complex and iterative. Sometimes it develops over time as trust builds. Sometimes it changes with events. But those relationships are critical to me, both to good outcomes and to fulfilment. I like to operate a flat, non-hierarchical structure in my teams. I am happy to be challenged and told I am wrong. In fact, I welcome it – I think it is the route to the best results. I am also motivated by wanting to make hard things easy. I want to assess a problem, cut through it, find an answer, present it cogently and concisely to the client, and then execute.

**Looking back, have you fulfilled the ambitions and aspirations you set for yourself early in your career?**

◆ I think I wanted to be a partner and to do interesting and challenging work. If so, I have definitely achieved them – my work is interesting and enormously challenging. As I have gotten older, my ambitions have changed, as has the very idea of ambitions. Nowadays I am less focused on the next hilltop, and more focused on enjoying the journey. I cannot expect to enjoy every day – some days just need to be gotten through – but I want, overall, to enjoy my job, now, and not always be looking into the future. I think that drives my focus on people and relationships. The best bits of my job, day to day, are sharing ideas as well as worries with clients, fellow partners, associates and others. My ambition now is to be thought of as a good person, as much as a good lawyer.

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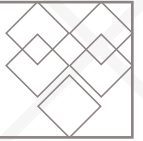
**What strengths and characteristics do you, your team and your firm strive to demonstrate to clients?**

◆ We want to demonstrate that we are there with them, sharing their issues and making them our own. That we are responsive and want to match our tempo to theirs. That we understand their business – or that if we do not, in some respect, we want to take time to ensure we do. We want to show them that we are, first and foremost, decent people – fun to work with, considerate, able to laugh with them as well as to commiserate and check in when things are hard. We want them to enjoy their interactions with us, wherever possible. We want to show that we are technically very able indeed – we get it; we understand. And we want to show that we are ruthless – not belligerent or overly aggressive, but firm, strategic, clear-eyed and completely resolute. ■

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## REPRESENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS

- ◆ Acting in an LCIA arbitration for a large energy company in a manufacturing/design dispute relating to a power station in the south of England.
- ◆ Acting in an ICC arbitration to resolve a JV dispute in relation to a telecommunications company.
- ◆ Acting in a NY arbitration in relation to a long-term development agency agreement relating to a significant high street food company.
- ◆ Acting for a large European truck manufacturer in relation to follow-on damages claims flowing from a European Commission finding of an information sharing infringement in the trucks market.
- ◆ Acting for the Bank of England's oversight committee in relation to an investigation into foreign exchange benchmark manipulation.
- ◆ Acting for Kaupthing Bank and Johannes Johannsson in relation to claims worth £3bn brought by Vincent and Robert Tchenguiz, alleging conspiracy.
- ◆ Acting for the Lehman administrators in resolving several complex legal issues, vis-à-vis Lehman bank counterparties, resulting from the administration of Lehman in 2008.

