Angus Moon KC - Lawyer of the Week



What were the biggest hurdles you had to overcome in this case?
Persuading the Supreme Court that it was wrong for someone who had killed three people to recover damages in negligence for having killed them. Three out of four judges in the courts below did not think that this was wrong because the killer was found not guilty by reason of insanity.

What is the best decision you have taken as a lawyer?
Appointing Catherine Calder as Chief Executive thereby increasing the lightness of being at work.

Who do you most admire in the law?
John Beggs KC for his unerring humour in the tightest of spots.

What is the best advice you have received?
You can get it even when you think you can't and even when reading employment law legislation.

What is the funniest thing that has happened in your job?
Arriving late at Ealing Magistrates Court to find that my recidivist lay client had already been sentenced. He was clear that his plea in mitigation was better than any which I could have offered and judging by his non-custodial sentence he was probably right.

What are the best and worst elements of being a lawyer?
Winning when you shouldn't. Losing when you shouldn't.

What law would you enact?
Subject of course to the Human Rights Act 1998, requiring facial recognition technology to be installed on all traffic lights with very severe penalties for those who cross red lights on bicycles.

What is your favourite pop song?
Fast Car by Tracy Chapman.