



Stuart Turner

Title... Partner

Organisation... EY

My interesting/quirky hobbies...

Pen and paper roleplaying (e.g. Dungeons and Dragons) – I've been playing for over 25 years. I even managed to do some freelance writing about 10 years ago

My favourite energetic pursuit... Skiing.

I should probably get myself an energetic pursuit that can be done more than once a year, though

The sport I most like to watch...

Any sport during the Olympics. Nationalistic pride will make me watch anything

The last book I read (and when)...

A Clash of Kings earlier this year – I need to get working on the rest of the *Game of Thrones* books to get ahead of the TV series

My favourite film... *The Shawshank Redemption* (or, if I'm in the mood for something more action-oriented, *The Dark Knight*)

The person I'd most like to cook for...

My family, more often – in the day-to-day rush, it's often a casualty

I'm most passionate about...

Balancing work and family. Taking two lots of paternity leave, and going part-time, have been the best decisions I've ever made

What gets my goat... The blame culture prevalent in the media. Sometimes s*** happens

I'd like to be brave enough to...

Do theatre sports

In my life I'm planning to change...

My fitness level. That has been on the agenda for some time now

Not many people know this but I...

Love listening to movie scores

Four words that sum me up...

Easy-going, committed, balanced, positive

What I wanted to be when I grew up...

My mum loves telling people that, in first class, I wrote a story about how I wanted to be a garbage man

Why and how I became an actuary...

It was the only course that required four-unit maths as a prerequisite (and, as a bonus, it sounded like a career rather than just a subject)

Where I studied to become an actuary and qualifications obtained...

Macquarie University BEc (Actuarial Studies), FIAA

My work history... Started as a graduate at Zurich Financial Services working in life insurance. Over my 10 years there I had various roles in actuarial, strategy projects, and planning, and ended up leading the life insurance actuarial team. I then moved over to EY, where I've been for eight years consulting to wealth management and life insurance clients

What I find most interesting about my current role... Building relationships with clients

My role's greatest challenges...

Balancing the competing needs of many different clients, who often seem to need everything at the same time!

Who has been the biggest influence on my career (and why)... Bridget Browne was my manager early in my career – she gave me opportunities to take responsibility and ownership, which helped change me from a quiet nerdy graduate to a more confident (nerdy) manager

My proudest career achievement to date is... Becoming a partner of EY



10 years from now, I will be... Dealing with hormonal teenage children

When I retire, my legacy will be...

Another generation of younger, smarter, better actuaries

Why I'm proud to be an actuary...

It's an occupation which, when done well, requires an understanding of many different disciplines – and so it provides many opportunities to bring together skillsets to get better outcomes

The most valuable trait an actuary can possess is... An inquisitive mind

At least once in their life, every actuary should... Go bungy-jumping

My best advice for younger actuaries...

Learn to trust your gut – if it doesn't feel right, it probably isn't

If I could travel back in time I would...

Spend a lot of time trying to work out how time-travel paradoxes work in real life

If I win the lottery, I would...

Take a long break to travel **A**