



Academic Qualifications

MA (Hons) Economics University of Dundee 1968

Professional Qualifications

Chartered Institute of Management Accountants
Fellow 1981
Associate 1975
Practising Certificate 2019

Chartered Management Institute
Fellow 2012
Chartered Manager 2019

Chartered Association of Credit Management
Member 2007

Accreditations

Full Member of the Academy of Experts

Association of Personal Injury Lawyers

Relevant Courses

Bond Solon Excellence in Report Writing September 2019

Full-time Business Career 1968 to 2013

During my full-time business career I worked for multinationals, plc's private and family companies and SME's in a wide range of industries including:

- Automotive
- Industrial plastics
- Human foods and food service
- Pet foods
- Industrial textiles
- Building supply

My positions included:

- Financial director
- Financial controller
- Treasurer

- Company secretary

and I was involved at the highest level in a wide range of corporate activities including preparation of financial statements; due diligence, strategic planning and governance; financial investigation and appraisal and treasury. This included during an interim assignment uncovering and investigating a six figure payroll fraud which resulted in a custodial sentence for the perpetrator.

My full -time business career coincided with a period of unprecedented change associated with globalisation, financial deregulation, technological revolution and economic volatility and ending with the 2007/8 financial crisis and throughout this time I worked as a front-line business manager. The comprehensive experience I gained during this time has been recognised with the Chartered Manager designation.

Part-time and non-executive business career 2013 to present

At the end of 2013 I retired from full-time work and initially took up a part-time non-executive position with Seamark plc a £100m international conglomeration of businesses in the food service industry for whom I had been CFO until my retirement. In this role I have acted as an advisor to the directors on strategy, governance and their private financial affairs and in particular was involved in:

- Restructuring the group to improve tax effectiveness and facilitate future exit
- Improving the governance of the business through the introduction of performance reviews and formalised meetings
- Improving the returns to the Directors' Pension Fund through restructuring and strategic asset acquisition
- Preparing strategic plans to address the issues arising from the 2016 referendum

In 2017 I took up a position of trustee/director for a newly formed multi academy trust to provide it with commercial and business advice

In 2019 I established my own accountancy practice Tailored Accounting Solutions to provide individuals and small businesses with advice and accounting services and to provide forensic accounting services to the legal profession and related activities

In 2007 and 2008 I worked as a part time lecturer for Stoke on Trent College preparing and presenting material to mature students studying for professional qualifications and financial appreciation courses for businesses and performed a similar role for St Helens College in 2013.

Expert Work

My experience and expertise enable me to provide expert services in relation to criminal, civil and family matters encompassing fraud and proceeds of crime; personal injury, loss of earnings and profits, professional negligence; business interruption and consequential loss, business valuation; stock losses and Child Maintenance Service claims and appeals; Court of Protection work and NHS Continuing Healthcare and probate.

My experience in preparing court compliant reports for both criminal and civil trials has qualified me as a Practising Member of the Academy of Experts.

I am regulated by three Chartered Institutes which ensures compliance with the highest ethical and professional standards.

I am able to accept instructions from solicitors on a nationwide basis; for claimant or defendant; defence of prosecution or as a single expert.