
Curriculum Vitae of:

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Specialist Field: Forensic Accounting

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An experienced forensic accountant and expert witness with numerous court appearances. Richard acts on cases as a single joint, party appointed or shadow expert witness and has worked for both prosecution and defence. Richard is Independent, Impartial and always acts with Integrity on all cases. A safe pair of hands with an eye to detail and calm under pressure.

Qualifications, training, accreditation

- Bachelor of Economic and Social Studies in Accounting and Finance (BSc (Econ)) with First Class Honours from the University of Wales, Aberystwyth dated 19 July 1996.
 - Fellow (FCA) of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW). Member since 1 May 2000.
 - Fellow of the Association of Taxation Technicians (ATT). Member since 13 December 2011.
 - Member of The Academy of Experts from 1 July 2020.
 - Nominated person of Deans for firm membership of the Network of Independent Forensic Accountants ("NIFA"). Board member of NIFA.
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Past and present positions

- Present position: Partner with Deans Accountants of Gibson House, Hurricane Court, Hurricane Close, Stafford, ST16 1GZ. (March 2011 to present).
 - Past positions: Senior Manager with Baker Tilly. (November 2002 to February 2011).
 - Manager with KPMG. (September 1996 to November 2002).
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Principal professional specialisms

I head up the Deans Forensic department and I have been preparing business valuations and forensic and taxation reports for various purposes for over ten years including acting as an expert witness in matrimonial cases, trading standards cases and shareholder dispute cases. I take on engagements as either a single joint expert, a party appointed expert or a shadow expert as required.

I have given evidence in court on a number of cases and although based in the Midlands have acted on cases around the UK. I have acted for clients across all sectors and industries including retail, manufacturing, service sector, property, professional firms, construction, agriculture, leisure, hospitality and tourism and transport to name a few.

A background in audit, accountancy, tax and business advice to individuals, partnerships and corporate businesses has given me a good grounding for forensic work. An eye for detail but with a pragmatic approach. I am conversant in UK tax law as well as UK and International accounting standards.

Memberships of professional organisations

In addition to the ICAEW and ATT as disclosed above I am a full member of The Academy of Experts and I am also a board member and nominated person of Deans for firm membership of the Network of Independent Forensic Accountants.

Through my firm I am also a member of the UK200 Group - the UK's leading quality assured membership association of independent firms of chartered accountants, legal firms and international associates.

Training, qualifications and accreditation as an expert witness

- I am a Member of The Academy of Experts.
- I regularly attend forensic and Business Valuation update training courses run by the Academy, ICAEW, the Mercia Group and MBL Seminars. As part of my role as a general practice partner at Deans I attend regular update courses on accounting, audit and taxation.
- I maintain CPD training records in accordance with guidance from the ICAEW.

Relevant Experience

Well over 100 business valuations performed covering all sectors:

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| – Advertising and PR | – Facilities management | – Investments | – Recruitment |
| – Agricultural • Architects | – Financial | – Investment property | – Retail |
| – Car dealerships | – Food and drink | – Joinery | – Roofing activities |
| – Care Homes | – GP medical practices | – Landscaping and gardening | – Scientific research |
| – Catering and hospitality | – Gyms | – Manufacturing | – Security |
| – Children's nurseries | – Haulage | – Motor vehicle maintenance and repair | – Software and game programming |
| – Construction | – Heating and air conditioning | – Nightclubs | – Solicitors and legal practices |
| – Courier activities | – Heavy lifting equipment | – Pharmaceuticals | – Transportation and freight |
| – Debt collection | – Horticultural | – Plumbing | – Veterinary services |
| – Education | – Hotels | – Property development | – Warehousing |
| – Electrical | – Information technology | – Quarries and open cast mines | – Wholesale |
| – Engineering | – Infrastructure | | |
| – Estate agents | | | |

Recent Forensic and Tax Investigations

- Numerous Capital Gains Tax calculations for financial remedy cases including residential, commercial, UK and overseas property as well as Crypto Currency, Gold and managed investment portfolios.
- Investigation into accounting irregularities and manipulation of trading results leading to dismissal and large prior year adjustments booked to audited accounts.
- Postmaster compensation claim arising from Horizon IT system for deceased sub postmaster.
- Covid-19 furlough dispute with HMRC including ADR.
- Trading standards case to expose heavy handed mis-selling of business sale services for a business run by a vulnerable individual which clearly had no external value.
- Bank statement data analysis to identify all loan drawdowns and loan repayments for numerous bank loans to prove the bank had misallocated a number of receipts.
- Data analysis to identify true underlying profitability of numerous construction projects to help a partner identify whether their business partner was manipulating the financial records thereon.
- Loss of earnings claim for agricultural contractor injured in RTA and unable to work for 6 months. Work to identify missed contracts and demonstrate seasonality impacts to insurers.
- Loss of earnings and business interruption claims in relation to HS2 construction activities including compulsory purchase negotiations.