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Education & Qualifications

- 5 Mar 2019 **Admission: Attorney-at-Law**
Cayman Islands
- Jul 2012 **International Commercial Law LLM**
University of Birmingham
- International Conflict of Laws
 - Marine Insurance
 - Dissertation: (farm-out agreements and contractual clauses within this type of agreement, with a multi-jurisdictional element)
 - International and Comparative Oil and Gas Law
 - Maritime Law
- Jul 2012 **Qualified Lawyers Transfer Test (QLTT):**
BPP Professional Education, Manchester (cross-qualified as a Solicitor – admitted Apr 2013)
- Nov 2007 **Called to the Bar of England & Wales:**
The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn, London
- 2006-2007 **Bar Vocational Course: Final Aggregate: Very Competent**
Nottingham Law School
- 2003-2006 **LLB (Hons) Law: Result: 1st Class**
Staffordshire University

Competitions/Prizes/Awards

- Following an interview with Benchers - Awarded the Sir Thomas More Bursary by The Honourable Society Lincoln's Inn – automatic admittance to the Lord Denning Society as a Scholar of the Inn.
- Sweet & Maxwell Prize for the best level 3 performance in Law.
- Winner of the Geoffrey Bell Annual Moot, organised by Knight and Sons Solicitors.
- Awarded the Leonard Sainer Foundation Interest-Free Loan.
- Represented England & Wales in the International Negotiation Competition held in Dublin. The event was hosted by the Law Society of Ireland and the Honourable Society of King's Inn, Dublin.
- Winner of the Regional and later the National Negotiation Competition 2005 (England & Wales) 2005 organised by CEDR.

Employment History

Feb 2019 – Present **HSM Chambers**
Attorney-at-Law

Assisting Partner/Senior Attorneys

- Assisting senior staff (mainly Partners) with more complex insolvency and commercial litigation matters, including:
 - legal research/drafting technical advice for the joint official liquidators of Cayman feeder funds, in a collapsed hedge fund structure, following significant developments in case law regarding clawbacks.
 - research/drafting advice in relation to costs and research note on security for costs
 - other insolvency and commercial related work carried out.

Other main tasks

- Attending both Summary and Grand court (mainly Grand Court) on a near weekly basis.
- With minimal supervision, manage a caseload (pre-action and litigated), including local and cross border commercial matters and debt recovery matters for Banks/Stratas/Companies/Individuals.
- Managing a multi-million dollar debt recovery project and sub-team.
- Providing advice/negotiate/draft/review - contracts, leases and other legal documents.
- Advising clients on strategy/tactics and generally legal and practical matters on a daily basis.
- Checking all substantive work of junior fee earners daily and caseloads periodically to ensure progression/quality - each with their own caseloads; supervising and developing other junior attorneys, paralegals, legal secretaries and interns.
- Generating ideas/plans on how to improve/develop internal processes and procedures as well as training junior fee earners.
- Active client/business development, both sourcing new and maintaining existing clients.
- Participating in webinars and other presentations on behalf of the firm.

Apr 2016 – Jan 2019

Career Break: Left DWF LLP in April 2016 following maternity leave. Moved to Italy, for a career break, in order to learn the language and care for my daughter.

Jun 2012 – Apr 2016

DWF LLP Insurance Fraud Solicitor

- Proactively settled/litigated on behalf of the client (the majority of clients were insurance companies) using case management, whilst further developing legal technical knowledge.
- Conducted intelligence/background searches and investigations into suspected fraudulent parties (individuals and companies, including the solvency of the aforementioned) and presented that evidence in an intelligible format, to the client and to the Court in litigated cases.
- Analysed evidence, negotiated and actioned both Fast-track and Multi-track cases in line with practice group/client service standards/agreements and protocols.

Jun 2010–Sep 2011

Just Costs Solicitors Law Costs Draftsman

May 2008–May 2010

Freelance County Court Advocate

- Appeared in various County Courts on a daily basis, in mainly civil/commercial matters in front of District Judges but on occasion in an appeal in front of Circuit Judges.
- Instructed by Eversheds, Shoosmiths and others to represent insurance companies, private individuals, companies and most of the major banks nationwide.

Other Skills and Activities

Articles/Membership:

- Commercial Leases and COVID-19: Force Majeure, Frustration and Illegality – April 2020.
- INSOL International: Currently awaiting publication of a co-authored technical paper.
- Member of RISA.
- Member of IWIRC.

Personal:

- Languages: Italian (Basic)
- Play the saxophone
- Proficient in: Microsoft word, excel, powerpoint, outlook and case management systems