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EDUCATION

- St Joseph's College, Blackpool
- University of Manchester, Faculty of Law
- The College of Law, Chester

CAREER HISTORY

- Admitted in 1980
- Equity Partner at Rowlands since 1986
- Senior Partner 2007

PERSONAL WORK

- Retained by the **Co-operative Insurance Society** to defend prosecutions against its policyholders ranging from driving without due care and attention to causing death by dangerous driving - including attending at inquests to represent the policyholders'/Society's interests and reporting to the Society on any aspects of civil liability
- Retained by the **Police Federation of England and Wales** to represent members in misconduct hearings and criminal investigations – Greater Manchester Police and North Wales Police
- Retained by the **Dental Protection Society** to advise and represent their dental practitioner members before the **GDC's Professional Misconduct/Health Committee** hearings and in criminal proceedings

- Representation provided in **The Shipman Inquiry – Medical Protection Society**
- Investigation by the **HSE (North West Division)** into a fatal electrocution to a lift engineer at the Arndale Tower in Manchester.
- Co-ordinated the successful defence of International advertisers **J C Decaux** in regulatory prosecutions brought by Manchester City Council
- **“Operation Care”** - investigations by the Merseyside Police into historical physical and sexual abuse in residential and child care homes throughout Merseyside in the 1970's and 1980's (**National Association of Head Teachers**)
- A joint investigation by the **HSE/Metropolitan Police** into a double fatality arising out of a fairground accident at Shepherd's Bush – Old Bailey – the first manslaughter prosecution in the UK relating to fairground ride inspections.
- Successfully argued “abuse of process” staying a prosecution brought by the **Environment Agency** against a company director involving breach of a waste management licence – Greater Manchester's “Fridge Mountains”
- Represents the firm's company and corporate clients in regulatory investigations/prosecutions brought by the **HSE/Environment Agency**, etc. and represents clients of the practice on a privately funded basis in all criminal prosecutions.
- Has supervised a department involved in all aspects of criminal litigation including cases of murder, conspiracy to murder (contract killing), importation of controlled drugs, evasion of duty (**Operation Stockade**) in excess of £100million – bonded warehouses, serious sexual offences, proceedings in the Court of Appeal Criminal Division; Attorney General's References and cases referred to the Court of Appeal by the CCRC.
- Has also been involved in other large scale police undercover operations ranging from **Operation Gamma** and **Omega** (organised football violence) and **Operation Hook** (large scale mortgage fraud).

PERSONAL

- Married since 1981
- Four children
- Member of Broughton Park FC
- Governor - St Bede's College, Manchester

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

- Sports, especially Rugby Union and football, both spectating and playing/coaching
- Running
- Classical music
- Literature
- Walking
- Gardening
- A confirmed Italiophile