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Education

- 1980 – 1987* *St. Paul's Girls' School, Brook Green, London*
- 9 Ordinary Levels:
*English Literature A, English Language A, German A, Latin A
French B, Geography B, History B, Physics C, Maths C*
- 1 Advanced Ordinary Level:
General Studies A
- 3 Advanced Levels:
English Literature A, Latin B, History of Art B
- 1 S Level:
English Literature – A with Distinction
- 1987-1990* *University College London*
BA Hons, 2:1, English Literature
- 1990-1991* *University College London*
MA Old English Literature
- 1991 – 1992* *The College of Law, Lancaster Gate, London*
Common Professional Examination
- 1992 – 1993* *The College of Law, Lancaster Gate, London*
Law Society Finals

Employment History

- 1994 - 1996* *Richards Butler, Solicitors, London EC3 (now Reed Smith)*
- Articled Clerk. Worked in the property, corporate, litigation and insurance departments. Six month secondment to Thomas Miller & Sons dealing with professional indemnity litigation. Qualified as a solicitor, 1996
- 1996 – 1998* *Thomas Miller & Sons, London EC3*
- Having enjoyed my secondment at Millers during my Articles, I did not apply to remain at Richards Butler upon qualifying but asked Millers if I could return on an ongoing basis. The division I worked in managed mutuals providing professional indemnity insurance for various professions. The bulk of my work was handling contentious matters for the Bar Mutual (barristers) and the Solicitors' Indemnity Mutual Insurance Association, although I also dealt with similar disputes for patent and trade mark agents. I was dealing with approximately 400 cases at any one time and particularly liked the variety of work.

2000 – 2002

Wellington Underwriting plc, EC3 (now part of the Catlin Group)

Initially I worked in the Marine Claims department on a contract basis covering maternity leave. The Head of Energy Claims asked me to work in his department when the contract was over, so I spent the last 18 months of my time there handling Energy matters. These included business interruption, personal injury and loss of profits claims as well as physical damage. As many of the Energy claims arose under comprehensive insurance packages, I was also involved with Political Risks and pollution claims. Most of the risks were of North or South American jurisdiction. I also dealt with Professional Indemnity matters although these were exclusively of US jurisdiction.

2002 – 2007

Atrium Underwriting plc, London EC3

An underwriter from Wellington joined Atrium in 2002 and asked me to go with him as the Claims Manager for Atrium Syndicate 609. The book encompassed Property, Political Risks, Marine Hull, Cargo, and Builders' Risks, Energy, Aviation, Bloodstock, Kidnap and Ransom and Space. I dealt with all classes. Atrium was growing rapidly at the time and I enjoyed and appreciated being involved in pre-contract negotiations with placing brokers.

I also dealt with our inward and outward reinsurance disputes.

2007 – 2009

MMA Insurance plc, Reading

I was MMA's Commercial Counsel, dealing with a range of in-house matters. The work was largely focussed on contracts between MMA and its brokers, software suppliers, and outsourcers. I was also involved in clearing up various disputes between these parties. I assisted in reinsurance negotiations and the updating of policy wordings. I was also the Data Protection Officer. This involved working closely with the Fraud Prevention and Detection team.

Part of my remit was to keep the Board updated with legal and regulatory developments which I did in quarterly papers. I found this particularly interesting. I also sat on the firm's Environment Committee.

May 2009

B.J.Macfarlane & Co

I deal with a wide variety of Commercial and Insurance litigation. This includes hull coverage disputes, cargo recovery disputes, Charterparty disputes and international sale and purchase disputes. I am also continuing to do work on outsource contracts.

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