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My professional Background

I have been a qualified Chartered Accountant since 1990 and I specialise in the areas of corporate and business/ partnership valuations, Expert Witness and forensic investigative accountancy, corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions.

Acting either as an Expert or an advisor I have been involved in a range of litigation cases including Partnership disputes, unfairly prejudicial claims, commercial disputes, corporate finance related disputes, breach of warranty claims, Matrimonial disputes negligence actions and negotiations with the Inland Revenue. In these cases, I am usually instructed to value the Companies, Shares, Businesses or Partnerships involved. I also value shares in Probate cases and non-contentious situations.

I have worked with many litigation and matrimonial lawyers advising on valuations and where appropriate writing formal Expert Witness reports for submission to the court. Increasingly the courts require the forensic accountant to advise on liquidity. Most forensic accountants are competent to advise on valuation but as they are not involved in the raising of corporate finance or buying and selling of companies, they genuinely do not have the experience to comment on liquidity. As a time served specialist corporate financier, I regularly raise finance for clients and assist clients both buying and selling companies.

My professional background is with large international accountancy firms, working for Arthur Andersen and Grant Thornton and latterly heading BDO Stoy Hayward's Liverpool Office. I became an independent accountant in 2000. Furthermore, in addition to having a first degree in economics (top student of both the second and third years) I possess a Master of Business Administration (MBA-with distinction) degree.

I am a member of the Expert Witness Institute in the area of Valuations and corporate finance disputes, and I also have the specialised Corporate Finance, designated accreditation, CF, from the Institute of Chartered Accountants (ICAEW). I have been a trainer for the ICAEW on the CF qualification course.

Reference:

Helen Marriott head of matrimonial law and partner at Brabners Chaffe Street (large North West based law firm).

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