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## CAREER SUMMARY

A highly motivated, reliable and conscientious professional. Experience initially gained from within the Police Service. Management and personal skills further enhanced through self-employment, subsequent qualification as a Solicitor and the ownership and operation of a National Consumer Organisation.

Experience was gained by working effectively in organisations that demanded, planning, communication skills, knowledge, innovation, and the ability to respond to change with enthusiasm and a sense of challenge.

## SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

### Police:

Worked within InnerCity & City areas, dealing with a wide range of policing and social problems.

### Legal:

Developed niche Travel Law Litigation Department, General Civil Law & Clinical Negligence Representation and Court Advocacy skills, representing serious orthopaedic, brain injury, birth trauma cases, utilising Civil Law, Human Rights and Freedom of Information Act options. Through the Serious Fraud Office, investigating multi-million-pound fraud offences/cross-border offences. Providing Pro-Bono assistance with Tribunals, Spanish Constitutional Court, European Court of Human Rights. & Irish Law Civil Law Jurisdictions. Engaged in Civil 'cold-case' reviews.

### Business:

Engaged in the development of a Consumer Services based business and held positions of Company Secretary, Consumer Director & Managing Director. Developed understanding and control of commercial contracts, negotiation, budgets, forward planning, strategy, e commerce, marketing, tax and accounting

and directing & assisting Board(s) of Directors to define, develop and deliver strategy and growth of brand.

### **Political:**

Advancing the development of a National Consumers Organisation ([www.holidaytravelwatch.com](http://www.holidaytravelwatch.com)). Creating widely used Consumer portal leading to direct assistance via e mail and helpline & onward political promotion of their experiences. Promoting Consumer Rights through evidence presented to MP's, APPG's, Government Departments, Select Committees, MEP's, EU Commission, EU Agencies and subsequent stakeholder meetings. 65 major reports and campaigns created and developed in 11 years. Serving on 2 International Committees defining International Standards on Cabin Air Quality.

### **Partnerships:**

Developing mutual Partnerships with Consumer Groupings and Charities. Defining the common interests between stakeholders and fashioning joint campaigns that support each organisation's core objectives. Joint action has led to meetings with Industrial and Political Stakeholders. Providing pro-bono legal assistance to organisation's to help them deal with operational difficulties and threats.

### **Media:**

Utilising early media training to appear on daytime live/mainstream TV & Radio. Working with PR Agency in London to create PR Agenda and appearing widely on Radio, TV, National Press; examples include, BBC Breakfast, Sky News, Channel 5News, Live 5, Radio 4, LBC, other National & Local Radio stations, 'Don't Get Done Get Dom', BBC Watchdog, Working Lunch. Commenced in-house filming, creating, editing and publishing finished information film and building presence on YouTube. Building podcasting/radio capability.

### **Information Technology:**

Gaining early IT training in the Police involving the use of command, control and security features; these were further enhanced by skills in Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Publisher and web building programs. Familiar with Mac Productivity tools. These products have enabled professional public presentations before a wide range of audience. Engaged in various capacities in innovating, developing and creating web presences and several in-house case management systems. Operate autonomous web development program in partnership with web companies.

### **Training:**

Additional training acquired through National & International Law conferences. Sales & Promotional seminars. Advanced driving. Media Training. Documentary Film-Making with the London Film School. Podcast/Radio programme creation.

## EXPERIENCE

Consumer Campaigner & Commentator | [frankbrehany.com](http://frankbrehany.com)  
July 2017 - To Present

Managing/Consumer Director | [HolidayTravelWatch](#)  
September 2003 – July 2017

Solicitor | [Self-funded](#)  
October 2011 – To Present

Solicitor | [Irwin Mitchell Solicitors](#)  
April 2005 – May 2011

Law Clerk/Investigator | [Serious Fraud Office](#)  
September 2003 – April 2006

Solicitor | [ACS Solicitors](#)  
August 2000 – August 2003

Trainee Solicitor/Solicitor | [Irwin Mitchell Solicitors](#)  
August 1996 – August 2000

Student | [University of Central England](#)  
September 1991 – July 1996

Group Sales Director | [L'Arôme UK Limited](#)  
June 1990 – November 1991

Police Cadet/Police Officer | [West Midlands Police](#)  
August 1973 – December 1989

**PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

**LLB (Hons) 2:1**

**Diploma in Legal Practice**

**French (Reasonable fluency)**

**PERSONAL INTERESTS**

**Travelling**

**Politics**

**Reading, especially current affairs**

**Writing**

**Painting**

**Film**