

Frank Brehany: LLB(Hons), Diploma in Legal Practice

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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 and Civil Law Jurisdictions. Engaged in Civil 'cold-case' reviews. Engaged in National & International Standards creation.

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). 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. 72 major reports and campaigns researched, produced & published in 15 years for UK government and European Union. Serving on 2 International Committees defining International Standards on Cabin Air Quality. Continue to advocate Consumer Rights and engagement with National & International Campaigns.

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 and experience to appear on daytime live/mainstream TV & Radio to discuss Consumer Rights & Travel Trends. From 1997, Frank was active in the media, highlighting the issues in his client's cases, but in 2011, Frank became the 'voice to go to' on all travel-related issues, appearing on National/Local Radio, Press and TV and demonstrated versatility in live and pre-recorded broadcasts. 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. Created Podcasting capability; branding, scripting, production & publication through CreatingRipples Podcast™ brand. Since 2017, Frank has worked as an Independent Travel Consumer voice and maintains an active participation on the airwaves, press and TV. He continues to provide a broad insight into the world of Travel and other Consumer issues

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. Operated and operates 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

Owner - PortOmnaMedia - Research, Media, Writing, Publishing, Art
July 2017 - To Present

Chair - BSI/UK Standards Committee - Cabin Air Quality ACE1/_/1
Creating EU Standard
July 2017 - To Present

Consumer Campaigner & Commentator | frankbrehany.com
July 2017 - To Present

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

Passenger Representative - ASHRAE (USA) Standards Committee SSPC161 - Cabin Air Quality
January 2012 - To Present

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

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Diploma in Legal Practice

French (Reasonable fluency)

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Travelling

Politics

Reading, especially current affairs

Writing

Painting

Film