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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, Toxin exposures, Nazi-War Art, Suspicious Deaths, Defamation, C2B, B2C. 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. Recently created a Publishing Company.

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; Advocacy in USA & Australia. From 2017 continued Independent Consumer Advocacy. Since 2005, created over 70 major reports to accompany campaigns. Currently serving on 2 International Committees (acting as Chair of UK Standards Mirror Committee - BSI), 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. Assisting individuals with varied legal problems on a pro bono basis.

Media:

Utilising early media training to appear on daytime live/mainstream TV & Radio. Worked 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. Since 2017, continues to independently provide regular Consumer & Social commentary on major UK & Irish Radio, UK TV programming and International TV Stations. Developed in-house filming, creating, editing and publishing finished information film and building presence on YouTube. Currently building/testing 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 and Political/Social conferences. Sales & Promotional seminars. Advanced driving. Media Training. Documentary Film-Making with the London Film School. Podcast/Radio programme creation.

Author:

Developing range of Consumer guides and working on Human Rights story in the Irish Republic. Utilising discipline skill-set to reach daily targets. Equipping knowledge on Publishing options and devising marketing plan to sell books through self publishing, securing media coverage, engaged with traditional publishing and networking with other Authors.

EXPERIENCE

Business Owner | Frank Brehany Publishing Ltd
February 2021 - To Present

Business Owner | PortOmna Media | frankbrehany.com
July 2017 - To Present

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

Committee Member (Representing Passengers)/Head of UK Delegation/ Chair
of BSI ACE1/_/1
April 2015 - To Present

Committee Member (Representing Passengers) (SSPC 161 - Cabin Air Quality/
Voting Member/Passenger Representative) | ASHRAE USA
January 2012 - 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