

CURRICULUM VITAE

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SPECIALISMS

Qualified Chartered Electrical Engineer and Chartered IT Professional, specialising in IT and telecommunications fitness for purpose, Mobile Phones, CCTV, Software IPR, Forensic data recovery and analysis. Highly accredited Court Expert with experience of International tribunals, Mediations and Arbitrations. Far East, UK, Europe, USA and Canada.

PROFILE

I have over 25 years experience in the application of electrical engineering, electronics and software, chiefly as a designer of IT and telecommunications products and systems. I have worked with organizations such as GEC, Courtaulds and the MOD, on design contracts and for organizations such as OFCOM, BT and British Gas in a Consultancy role. I have been instructed by FM Global, Crawfords, Cunningham Lindsey and Zurich in connection with Insurance Claims and Loss adjustment. I have been instructed by firms such as Slaughter & May, Herbert Smith, Baker McKenzie, Denton Wilde Sapte, Pinsents, Eversheds, Taylor Wessing, Freshfields and PriceWaterhouse in connection with company litigation, copyright and customs tribunals, and I was involved in the case between Kingsway Hall Hotel Limited -v- Red Sky IT (Hounslow) Limited. I have undertaken many Expert Witness assignments and given evidence in High Court Queen's Bench Division Technology, Construction Court, the High Court, County Courts, Crown Courts and Magistrates Courts in Civil and Criminal Proceedings presenting computer and electronic forensic evidence.

PROFESSIONAL

Chartered Electrical Engineer and Member of the Institution of Engineering and Technology. Practicing Fellow of the Academy of Experts. Member of the Society of Expert Witnesses. Member of the Expert Witness Institute. Registered with the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers as an expert witness. Member of the Society for Computers and Law. Member of the committee of the SCL IT Disputes Group. Member of the National Association of Subrogation Professionals. Fully trained in Encase Mobile Phone Forensics.

CAREER HISTORY

1992 -	Partner, IT Group UK Limited, Rockford IT Limited
1989 - 1992	Managing Director, Microsys Consultants Limited
1988 - 1989	Group Manager, GEC-Plessey Telecommunications
1984 - 1988	Computer Applications Manager of FKI Babcock Group Company
1982 - 1984	Chief Engineer, Metal Closures Group Company
1979 - 1982	Systems Engineer for a German automotive test Company
1973 - 1978	Electronics Engineer, British Leyland

EDUCATION

- 1967 - 1973** King Edward VII Grammar School Sheffield
9 GCE O Levels
3 GCE A Levels
- 1974 - 1978** BSc Honours Degree in Electrical Engineering with Electronics.

DETAILED CAREER HISTORY

- 1992 - Partner IT Group UK Limited.
Director Rockford IT Limited, Director Tech Local Limited**
IT Group UK Limited and its associated companies Rockford IT Limited and Tech Local Limited are a broad based high technology services group offering IT & Telecommunications, Electrical Engineering, Consultancy, Expert Witness Services, CCTV Design and Installation, IT Outsourcing and WAN/LAN security services, hosted services and a high capacity computer repair facility specialising in laptop repairs for a major insurance claims handler. The companies are all accredited to ISO9001 and Rockford IT is also ISO27001 accredited.
- 1989 - 1992 Managing Director, Microsys Consultants Limited**
Chief Executive of an ISO9001 registered design consultancy chiefly responsible for the management of the company's team of consultants and designers. Actively involved in consultancy work in IT, Telecommunications, Electrical Engineering, microelectronics, software and electronics manufacturing. Engaged in expert witness work from time to time.
- 1988 - 1989 Group Manager, GEC-Plessey Telecommunications**
Responsible for a division of GEC-Plessey Telecommunications involved in microprocessor applications. Project and consultancy work in telecommunications, data communications and associated specialist IT.
- 1984 - 1988 Computer Applications Manager promoted to Chief Electrical Engineer of FKI Babcock Group Company**
Responsible for a team of approximately 60 software engineers and hardware design engineers working on real time control systems. Responsibility for electronic printed circuit design and production for turn key multi-million pound defence contracts and automobile industry projects. Involved in the design and installation of marine electronic control systems.
- 1982 - 1984 Chief Engineer, Metal Closures Group Company**
Responsible for the design and implementation of automated food and drink canning and bottling systems. Mainly based around programmable logic controllers (PLCs).
- 1979 - 1982 Systems Engineer for a German automotive test Company**
Responsible for the design and commissioning of micro electronic test systems including in house design work and on site commissioning and acceptance testing.
- 1973 - 1978 Electronics Engineer, British Leyland**
Indentured student apprenticeship linked to a BSc Honours Degree course at the University of Aston.